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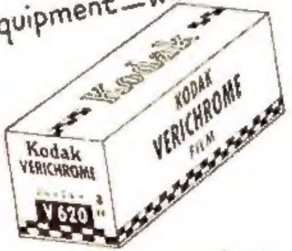

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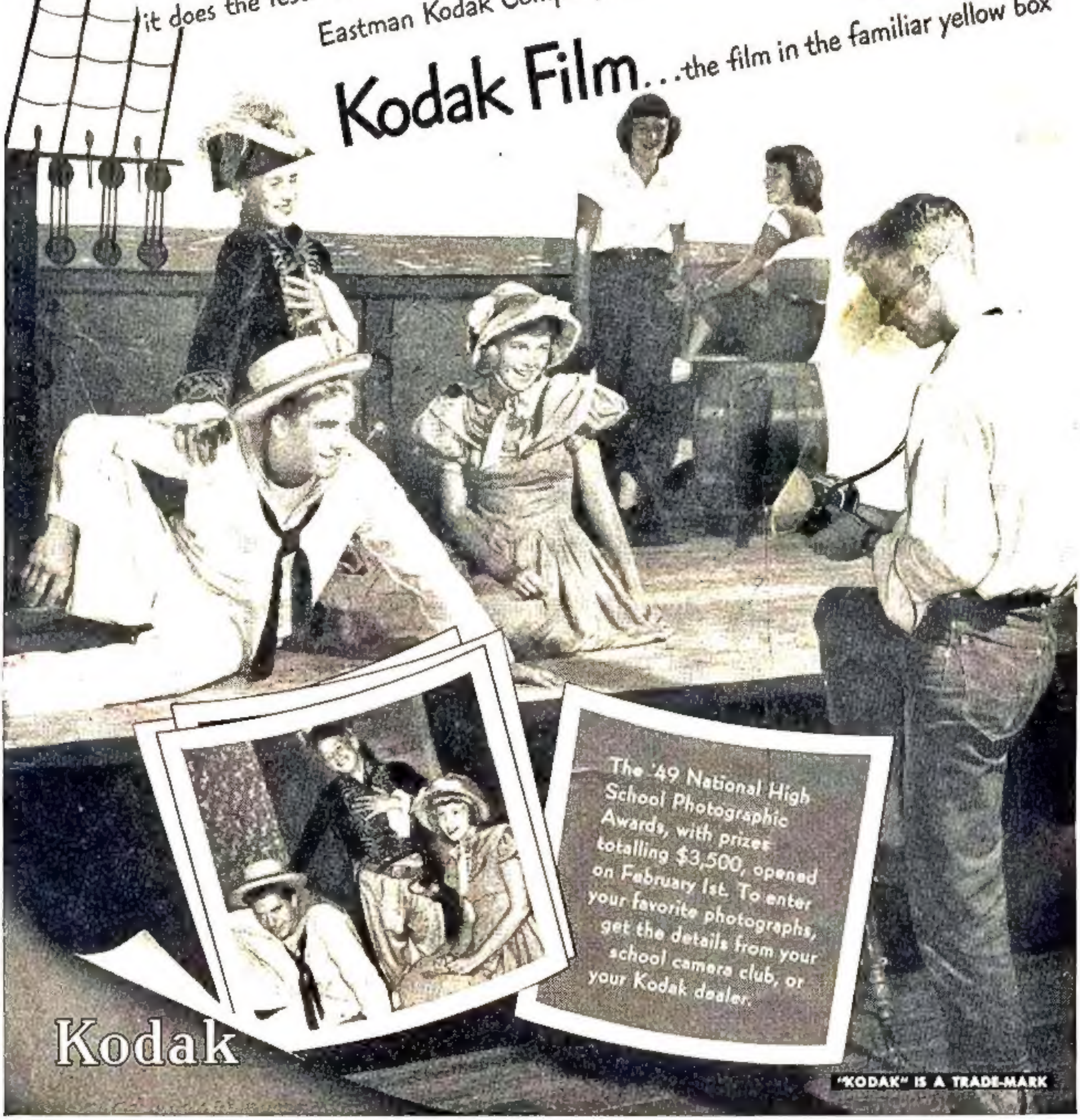

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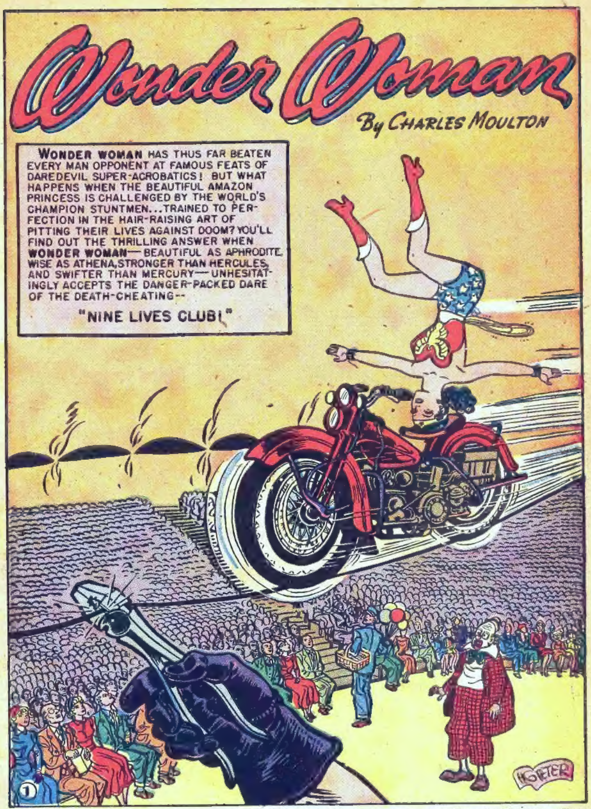
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By Charles Moulton
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"NINE LIVES CLUB!"
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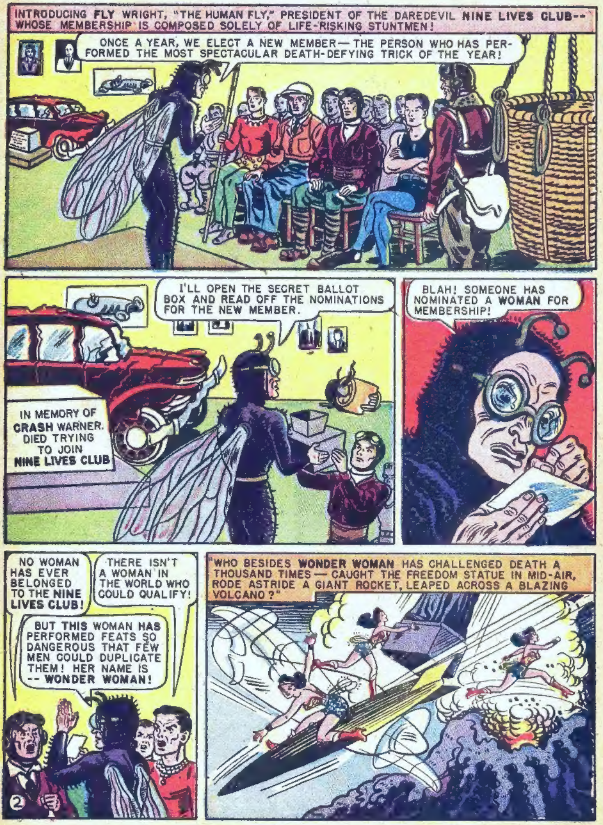
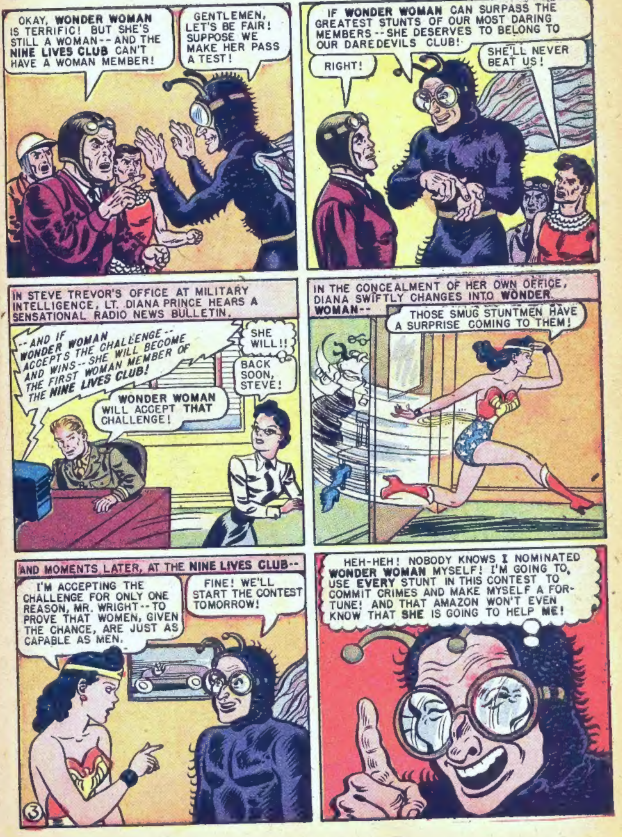
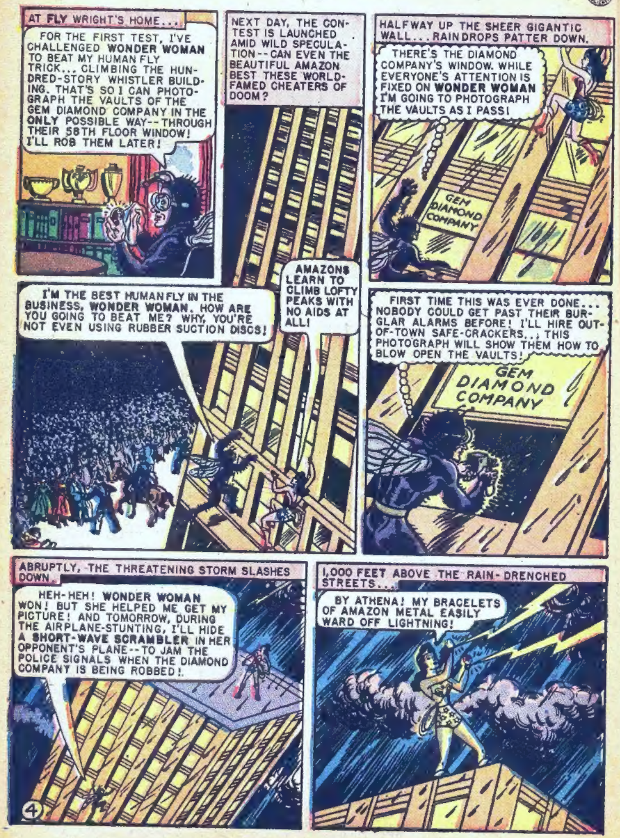
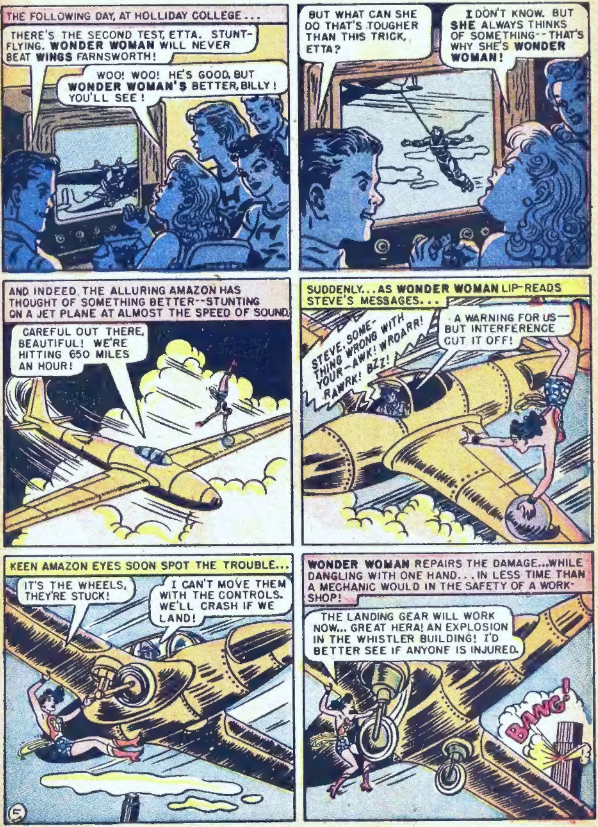
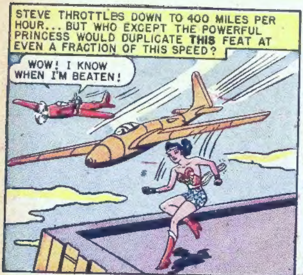
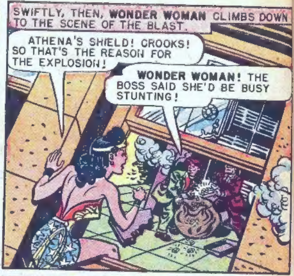

INTRODUCING FLY WRIGHT, "THE HUMAN FLY," PRESIDENT OF THE DAREDEVIL NINE LIVES CLUB--WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED SOLELY OF LIFE-RISKING STUNTMEN!
ONCE A YEAR, WE ELECT A NEW MEMBER— THE PERSON WHO HAS PERFORMED THE MOST SPECTACULAR DEATH-DEFYING TRICK OF THE YEAR!
I'LL OPEN THE SECRET BALLOT BOX AND READ OFF THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW MEMBER.
IN MEMORY OF CRASH WARNER, DIED TRYING TO JOIN NINE LIVES CLUB
BLAH! SOMEONE HAS NOMINATED A WOMAN FOR MEMBERSHIP!
NO WOMAN HAS EVER BELONGED TO THE NINE LIVES CLUB!
THERE ISN'T A WOMAN IN THE WORLD WHO COULD QUALIFY!
BUT THIS WOMAN HAS PERFORMED FEATS SO DANGEROUS THAT FEW MEN COULD DUPLICATE THEM! HER NAME IS -- WONDER WOMAN!
"WHO BESIDES WONDER WOMAN HAS CHALLENGED DEATH A THOUSAND TIMES — CAUGHT THE FREEDOM STATUE IN MID-AIR, RODE ASTRIDE A GIANT ROCKET, LEAPED ACROSS A BLAZING VOLCANO?"

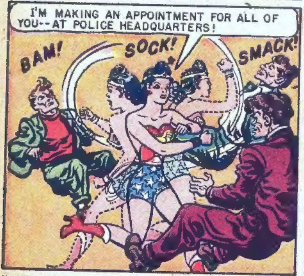

OKAY, WONDER WOMAN IS TERRIFIC! BUT SHE'S STILL A WOMAN--AND THE NINE LIVES CLUB CAN'T HAVE A WOMAN MEMBER!
GENTLEMEN, LET'S BE FAIR! SUPPOSE WE MAKE HER PASS A TEST!
IF WONDER WOMAN CAN SURPASS THE GREATEST STUNTS OF OUR MOST DARING MEMBERS--SHE DESERVES TO BELONG TO OUR DAREDEVILS CLUB!
RIGHT!
SHE'LL NEVER BEAT US!
IN STEVE TREVOR'S OFFICE AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE HEARS A SENSATIONAL RADIO NEWS BULLETIN.
--AND IF WONDER WOMAN ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE--AND WINS--SHE WILL BECOME THE FIRST WOMAN MEMBER OF THE NINE LIVES CLUB!
SHE WILL!!
BACK SOON, STEVE!
WONDER WOMAN WILL ACCEPT THAT CHALLENGE!
IN THE CONCEALMENT OF HER OWN OFFICE, DIANA SWIFTLY CHANGES INTO WONDER WOMAN--
THOSE SMUG STUNTMEN HAVE A SURPRISE COMING TO THEM!
AND MOMENTS LATER, AT THE NINE LIVES CLUB--
I'M ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE FOR ONLY ONE REASON, MR. WRIGHT--TO PROVE THAT WOMEN, GIVEN THE CHANCE, ARE JUST AS CAPABLE AS MEN.
FINE! WE'LL START THE CONTEST TOMORROW!
HEH-HEH! NOBODY KNOWS I NOMINATED WONDER WOMAN MYSELF! I'M GOING TO USE EVERY STUNT IN THIS CONTEST TO COMMIT CRIMES AND MAKE MYSELF A FORTUNE! AND THAT AMAZON WON'T EVEN KNOW THAT SHE IS GOING TO HELP ME!

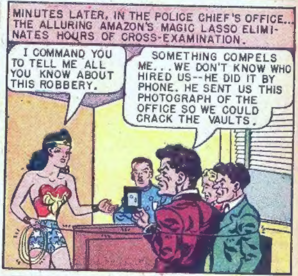

AT FLY WRIGHT'S HOME...
FOR THE FIRST TEST, I'VE CHALLENGED WONDER WOMAN TO BEAT MY HUMAN FLY TRICK... CLIMBING THE HUNDRED-STORY WHISTLER BUILDING. THAT'S SO I CAN PHOTOGRAPH THE VAULTS OF THE GEM DIAMOND COMPANY IN THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY--THROUGH THEIR 58TH FLOOR WINDOW! I'LL ROB THEM LATER!
NEXT DAY, THE CONTEST IS LAUNCHED AMID WILD SPECULATION--CAN EVEN THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON BEST THESE WORLD-FAMED CHEATERS OF DOOM?
HALFWAY UP THE SHEER GIGANTIC WALL...RAINDROPS PATTER DOWN.
THERE'S THE DIAMOND COMPANY'S WINDOW. WHILE EVERYONE'S ATTENTION IS FIXED ON WONDER WOMAN I'M GOING TO PHOTOGRAPH THE VAULTS AS I PASS!
GEM DIAMOND COMPANY
I'M THE BEST HUMAN FLY IN THE BUSINESS, WONDER WOMAN. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BEAT ME? WHY, YOU'RE NOT EVEN USING RUBBER SUCTION DISCS!
AMAZONS LEARN TO CLIMB LOFTY PEAKS WITH NO AIDS AT ALL!
FIRST TIME THIS WAS EVER DONE... NOBODY COULD GET PAST THEIR BURGLAR ALARMS BEFORE! I'LL HIRE OUT-OF-TOWN SAFE-CRACKERS... THIS PHOTOGRAPH WILL SHOW THEM HOW TO BLOW OPEN THE VAULTS!
GEM DIAMOND COMPANY
ABRUPTLY, THE THREATENING STORM SLASHES DOWN.
HEH-HEH! WONDER WOMAN WON! BUT SHE HELPED ME GET MY PICTURE! AND TOMORROW, DURING THE AIRPLANE-STUNTING, I'LL HIDE A SHORT-WAVE SCRAMBLER IN HER OPPONENT'S PLANE--TO JAM THE POLICE SIGNALS WHEN THE DIAMOND COMPANY IS BEING ROBBED!
1,000 FEET ABOVE THE RAIN-DRENCHED STREETS...
BY ATHENA! MY BRACELETS OF AMAZON METAL EASILY WARD OFF LIGHTNING!

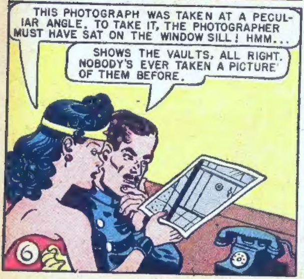

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE...
THERE'S THE SECOND TEST, ETTA. STUNT-FLYING. WONDER WOMAN WILL NEVER BEAT WINGS FARNSWORTH!
WOO! WOO! HE'S GOOD, BUT WONDER WOMAN'S BETTER, BILLY! YOU'LL SEE!
BUT WHAT CAN SHE DO THAT'S TOUGHER THAN THIS TRICK, ETTA?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT SHE ALWAYS THINKS OF SOMETHING--THAT'S WHY SHE'S WONDER WOMAN!
AND INDEED, THE ALLURING AMAZON HAS THOUGHT OF SOMETHING BETTER--STUNTING ON A JET PLANE AT ALMOST THE SPEED OF SOUND.
CAREFUL OUT THERE, BEAUTIFUL! WE'RE HITTING 650 MILES AN HOUR!
SUDDENLY...AS WONDER WOMAN LIP-READS STEVE'S MESSAGES...
STEVE, SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR--AWK! WRDARR! RAWRK! BZZ!
A WARNING FOR US--BUT INTERFERENCE CUT IT OFF!
KEEN AMAZON EYES SOON SPOT THE TROUBLE...
IT'S THE WHEELS, THEY'RE STUCK!
I CAN'T MOVE THEM WITH THE CONTROLS. WE'LL CRASH IF WE LAND!
WONDER WOMAN REPAIRS THE DAMAGE...WHILE DANGLING WITH ONE HAND... IN LESS TIME THAN A MECHANIC WOULD IN THE SAFETY OF A WORK-SHOP!
THE LANDING GEAR WILL WORK NOW... GREAT HERA! AN EXPLOSION IN THE WHISTLER BUILDING! I'D BETTER SEE IF ANYONE IS INJURED.
BANG!

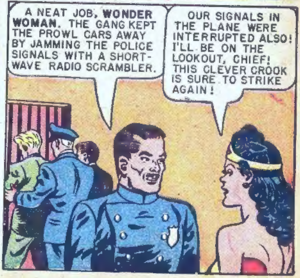

STEVE THROTTLES DOWN TO 400 MILES PER HOUR... BUT WHO EXCEPT THE POWERFUL PRINCESS WOULD DUPLICATE THIS FEAT AT EVEN A FRACTION OF THIS SPEED?
WOW! I KNOW WHEN I'M BEATEN!

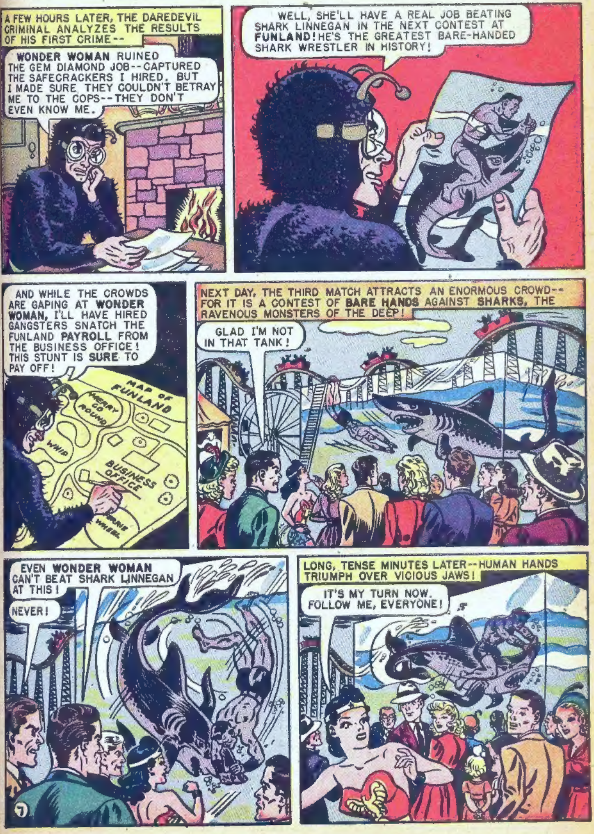

SWIFTLY, THEN, WONDER WOMAN CLIMBS DOWN TO THE SCENE OF THE BLAST.
ATHENA'S SHIELD! CROOKS! SO THAT'S THE REASON FOR THE EXPLOSION!
WONDER WOMAN! THE BOSS SAID SHE'D BE BUSY STUNTING!


I'M MAKING AN APPOINTMENT FOR ALL OF YOU--AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
BAM!
SOCK!
SMACK!


MINUTES LATER, IN THE POLICE CHIEF'S OFFICE... THE ALLURING AMAZON'S MAGIC LASSO ELIMINATES HOURS OF CROSS-EXAMINATION.
I COMMAND YOU TO TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS ROBBERY.
SOMETHING COMPELS ME...WE DON'T KNOW WHO HIRED US--HE DID IT BY PHONE. HE SENT US THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OFFICE SO WE COULD CRACK THE VAULTS.


THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN AT A PECULIAR ANGLE. TO TAKE IT, THE PHOTOGRAPHER MUST HAVE SAT ON THE WINDOW SILL! HMM...
SHOWS THE VAULTS, ALL RIGHT. NOBODY'S EVER TAKEN A PICTURE OF THEM BEFORE.


A NEAT JOB, WONDER WOMAN. THE GANG KEPT THE PROWL CARS AWAY BY JAMMING THE POLICE SIGNALS WITH A SHORT-WAVE RADIO SCRAMBLER.
OUR SIGNALS IN THE PLANE WERE INTERRUPTED ALSO! I'LL BE ON THE LOOKOUT, CHIEF! THIS CLEVER CROOK IS SURE TO STRIKE AGAIN!


A FEW HOURS LATER, THE DAREDEVIL CRIMINAL ANALYZES THE RESULTS OF HIS FIRST CRIME--
WONDER WOMAN RUINED THE GEM DIAMOND JOB--CAPTURED THE SAFECRACKERS I HIRED. BUT I MADE SURE THEY COULDN'T BETRAY ME TO THE COPS--THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ME.
WELL, SHE'LL HAVE A REAL JOB BEATING SHARK LINNEGAN IN THE NEXT CONTEST AT FUNLAND! HE'S THE GREATEST BARE-HANDED SHARK WRESTLER IN HISTORY!
AND WHILE THE CROWDS ARE GAPING AT WONDER WOMAN, I'LL HAVE HIRED GANGSTERS SNATCH THE FUNLAND PAYROLL FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE! THIS STUNT IS SURE TO PAY OFF!
MAP OF FUNLAND
MERRY GO ROUND
WHIP
BUSINESS OFFICE
FERRIS WHEEL
NEXT DAY, THE THIRD MATCH ATTRACTS AN ENORMOUS CROWD--FOR IT IS A CONTEST OF BARE HANDS AGAINST SHARKS, THE RAVENOUS MONSTERS OF THE DEEP!
GLAD I'M NOT IN THAT TANK!
EVEN WONDER WOMAN CAN'T BEAT SHARK LINNEGAN AT THIS!
NEVER!
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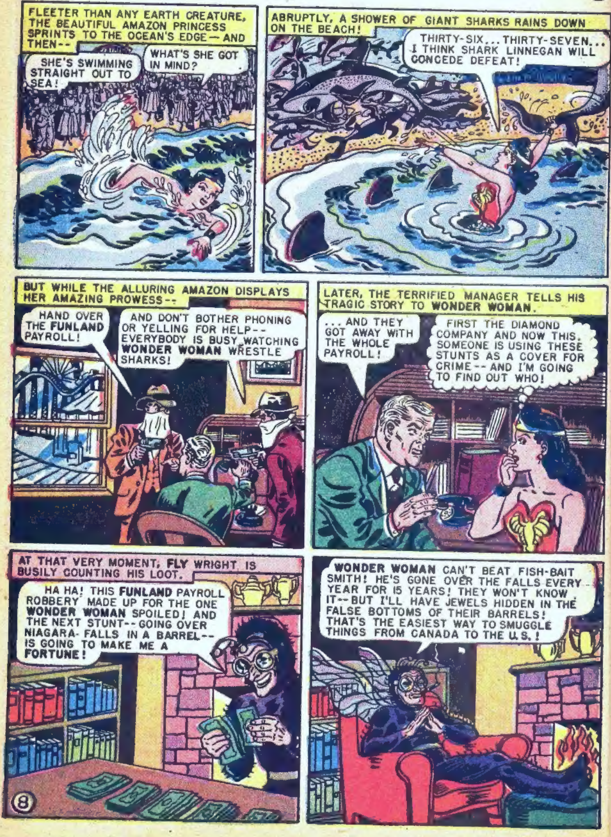
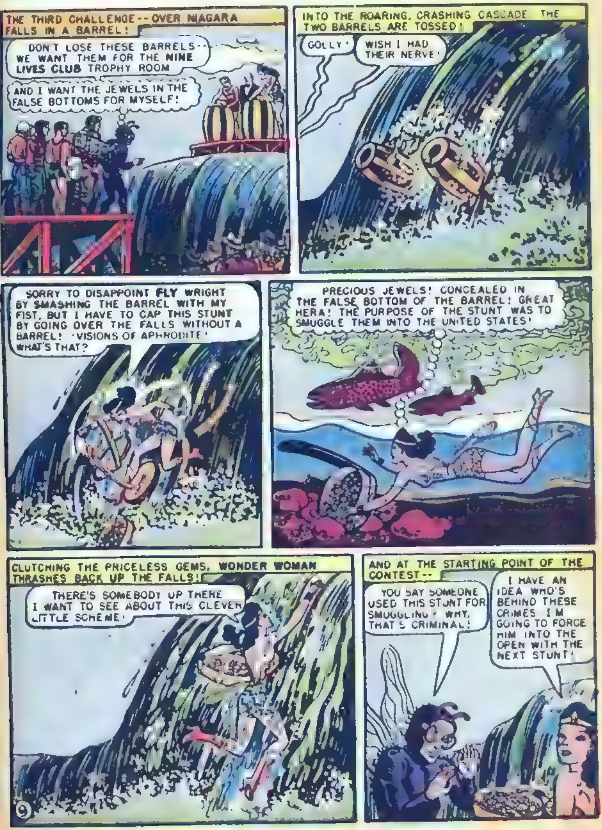
LONG, TENSE MINUTES LATER--HUMAN HANDS TRIUMPH OVER VICIOUS JAWS!
IT'S MY TURN NOW. FOLLOW ME, EVERYONE!


FLEETER THAN ANY EARTH CREATURE, THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON PRINCESS SPRINTS TO THE OCEAN'S EDGE — AND THEN--
SHE'S SWIMMING STRAIGHT OUT TO SEA!
WHAT'S SHE GOT IN MIND?
ABRUPTLY, A SHOWER OF GIANT SHARKS RAINS DOWN ON THE BEACH!
THIRTY-SIX... THIRTY-SEVEN... I THINK SHARK LINNEGAN WILL CONCEDE DEFEAT!
BUT WHILE THE ALLURING AMAZON DISPLAYS HER AMAZING PROWESS--
HAND OVER THE FUNLAND PAYROLL!
AND DON'T BOTHER PHONING OR YELLING FOR HELP-- EVERYBODY IS BUSY WATCHING WONDER WOMAN WRESTLE SHARKS!
LATER, THE TERRIFIED MANAGER TELLS HIS TRAGIC STORY TO WONDER WOMAN.
... AND THEY GOT AWAY WITH THE WHOLE PAYROLL!
FIRST THE DIAMOND COMPANY AND NOW THIS. SOMEONE IS USING THESE STUNTS AS A COVER FOR CRIME -- AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, FLY WRIGHT IS BUSILY COUNTING HIS LOOT.
HA HA! THIS FUNLAND PAYROLL ROBBERY MADE UP FOR THE ONE WONDER WOMAN SPOILED! AND THE NEXT STUNT-- GOING OVER NIAGARA- FALLS IN A BARREL-- IS GOING TO MAKE ME A FORTUNE!
WONDER WOMAN CAN'T BEAT FISH-BAIT SMITH! HE'S GONE OVER THE FALLS EVERY YEAR FOR 15 YEARS! THEY WON'T KNOW IT-- BUT I'LL HAVE JEWELS HIDDEN IN THE FALSE BOTTOMS OF THEIR BARRELS! THAT'S THE EASIEST WAY TO SMUGGLE THINGS FROM CANADA TO THE U.S.!


THE THIRD CHALLENGE--OVER NIAGARA FALLS IN A BARREL!
DON'T LOSE THESE BARRELS--WE WANT THEM FOR THE NINE LIVES CLUB TROPHY ROOM.
AND I WANT THE JEWELS IN THE FALSE BOTTOMS FOR MYSELF!
INTO THE ROARING, CRASHING CASCADE THE TWO BARRELS ARE TOSSED!
GOLLY!
WISH I HAD THEIR NERVE!
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT FLY WRIGHT BY SMASHING THE BARREL WITH MY FIST, BUT I HAVE TO CAP THIS STUNT BY GOING OVER THE FALLS WITHOUT A BARREL! 'VISIONS OF APHRODITE!' WHAT'S THAT?
PRECIOUS JEWELS! CONCEALED IN THE FALSE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL! GREAT HERA! THE PURPOSE OF THE STUNT WAS TO SMUGGLE THEM INTO THE UNITED STATES!
CLUTCHING THE PRICELESS GEMS, WONDER WOMAN THRASHES BACK UP THE FALLS!
THERE'S SOMEBODY UP THERE I WANT TO SEE ABOUT THIS CLEVER LITTLE SCHEME!
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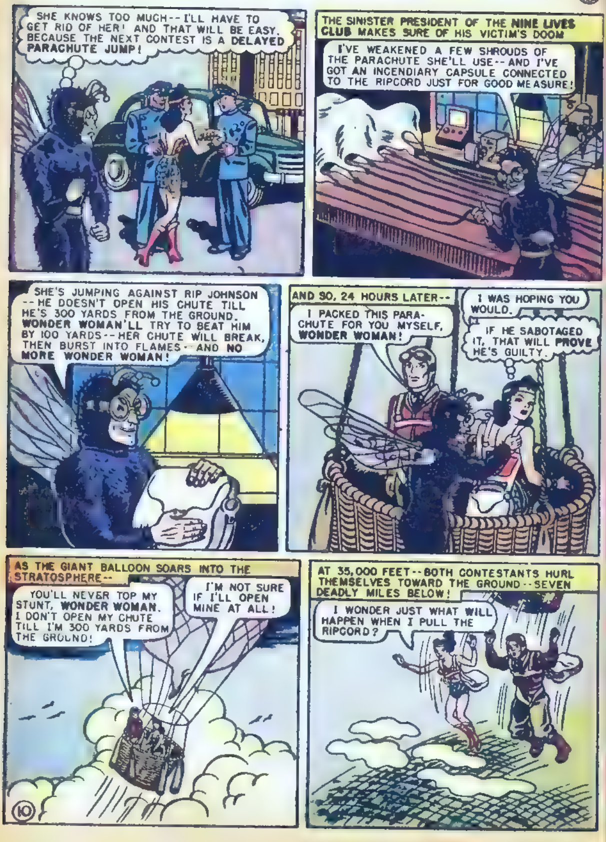
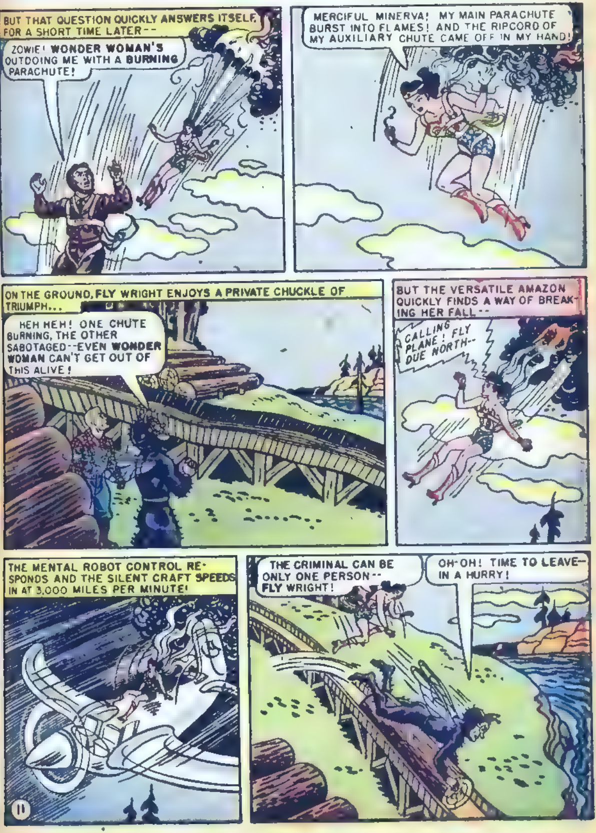
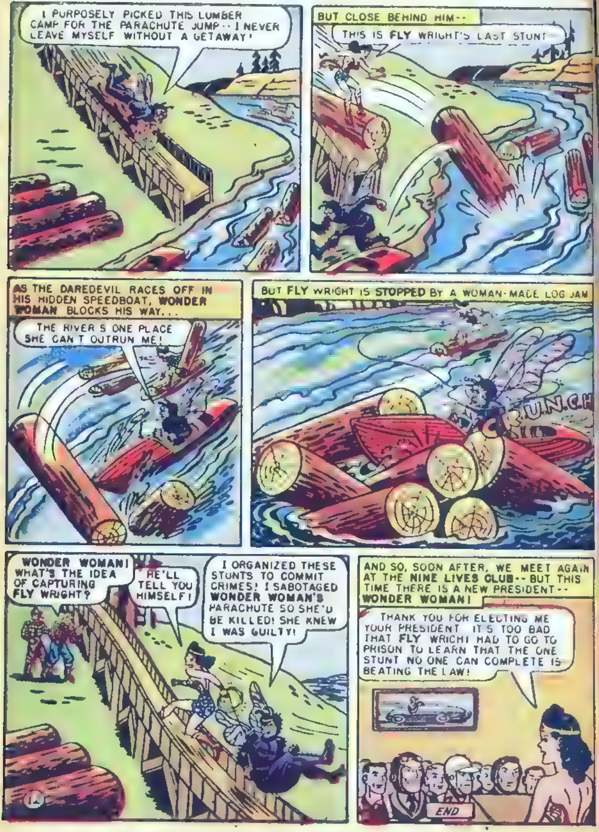
AND AT THE STARTING POINT OF THE CONTEST--
YOU SAY SOMEONE USED THIS STUNT FOR SMUGGLING? WHY, THAT'S CRIMINAL!
I HAVE AN IDEA WHO'S BEHIND THESE CRIMES. I'M GOING TO FORCE HIM INTO THE OPEN WITH THE NEXT STUNT!


SHE KNOWS TOO MUCH--I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF HER! AND THAT WILL BE EASY, BECAUSE THE NEXT CONTEST IS A DELAYED PARACHUTE JUMP!
THE SINISTER PRESIDENT OF THE NINE LIVES CLUB MAKES SURE OF HIS VICTIM'S DOOM
I'VE WEAKENED A FEW SHROUDS OF THE PARACHUTE SHE'LL USE--AND I'VE GOT AN INCENDIARY CAPSULE CONNECTED TO THE RIPCORD JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE!
SHE'S JUMPING AGAINST RIP JOHNSON --HE DOESN'T OPEN HIS CHUTE TILL HE'S 300 YARDS FROM THE GROUND. WONDER WOMAN'LL TRY TO BEAT HIM BY 100 YARDS--HER CHUTE WILL BREAK, THEN BURST INTO FLAMES--AND NO MORE WONDER WOMAN!
AND SO, 24 HOURS LATER--
I PACKED THIS PARACHUTE FOR YOU MYSELF, WONDER WOMAN!
I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD.
IF HE SABOTAGED IT, THAT WILL PROVE HE'S GUILTY.
AS THE GIANT BALLOON SOARS INTO THE STRATOSPHERE--
YOU'LL NEVER TOP MY STUNT, WONDER WOMAN. I DON'T OPEN MY CHUTE TILL I'M 300 YARDS FROM THE GROUND!
I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL OPEN MINE AT ALL!
AT 35,000 FEET--BOTH CONTESTANTS HURL THEMSELVES TOWARD THE GROUND--SEVEN DEADLY MILES BELOW!
I WONDER JUST WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I PULL THE RIPCORD?


BUT THAT QUESTION QUICKLY ANSWERS ITSELF, FOR A SHORT TIME LATER--
ZOWIE! **WONDER WOMAN'S** OUTDOING ME WITH A **BURNING** PARACHUTE!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! MY MAIN PARACHUTE BURST INTO FLAMES! AND THE RIPCORD OF MY AUXILIARY CHUTE CAME OFF IN MY HAND!
ON THE GROUND, **FLY WRIGHT** ENJOYS A PRIVATE CHUCKLE OF TRIUMPH...
HEH HEH! ONE CHUTE BURNING, THE OTHER SABOTAGED--EVEN **WONDER WOMAN** CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE!
BUT THE VERSATILE AMAZON QUICKLY FINDS A WAY OF BREAKING HER FALL--
CALLING PLANE! FLY DUE NORTH--
THE MENTAL ROBOT CONTROL RESPONDS AND THE SILENT CRAFT SPEEDS IN AT 3,000 MILES PER MINUTE!
THE CRIMINAL CAN BE ONLY ONE PERSON-- **FLY** WRIGHT!
OH-OH! TIME TO LEAVE-- IN A HURRY!


I PURPOSELY PICKED THIS LUMBER CAMP FOR THE PARACHUTE JUMP -- I NEVER LEAVE MYSELF WITHOUT A GETAWAY!
BUT CLOSE BEHIND HIM--
THIS IS FLY WRIGHT'S LAST STUNT!
AS THE DAREDEVIL RACES OFF IN HIS HIDDEN SPEEDBOAT, WONDER WOMAN BLOCKS HIS WAY...
THE RIVER'S ONE PLACE SHE CAN'T OUTRUN ME!
BUT FLY WRIGHT IS STOPPED BY A WOMAN-MADE LOG JAM
RUNCH
WONDER WOMAN! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF CAPTURING FLY WRIGHT?
HE'LL TELL YOU HIMSELF!
I ORGANIZED THESE STUNTS TO COMMIT CRIMES! I SABOTAGED WONDER WOMAN'S PARACHUTE SO SHE'D BE KILLED! SHE KNEW I WAS GUILTY!
AND SO, SOON AFTER, WE MEET AGAIN AT THE NINE LIVES CLUB -- BUT THIS TIME THERE IS A NEW PRESIDENT -- WONDER WOMAN!
THANK YOU FOR ELECTING ME YOUR PRESIDENT. IT'S TOO BAD THAT FLY WRIGHT HAD TO GO TO PRISON TO LEARN THAT THE ONE STUNT NO ONE CAN COMPLETE IS BEATING THE LAW!
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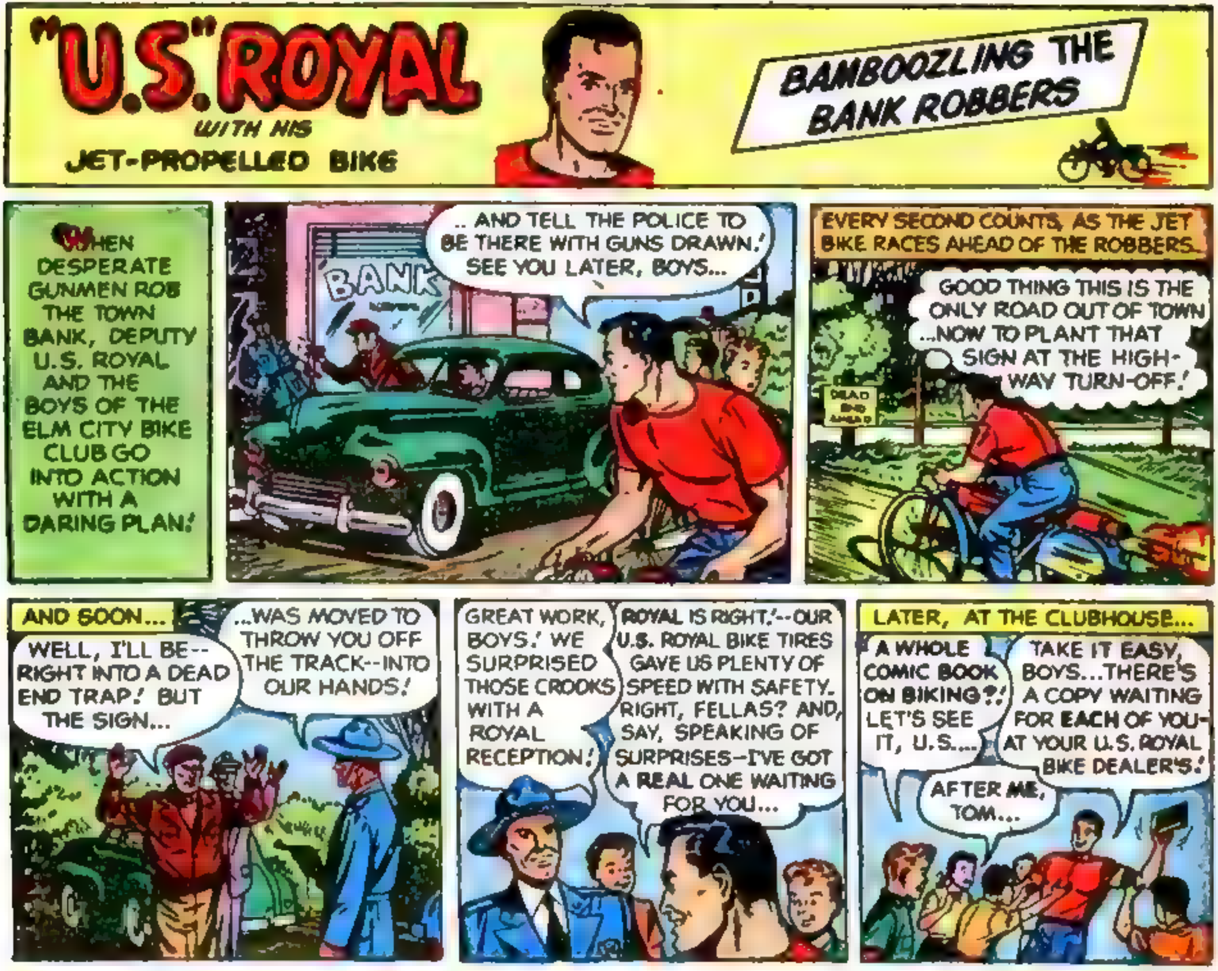
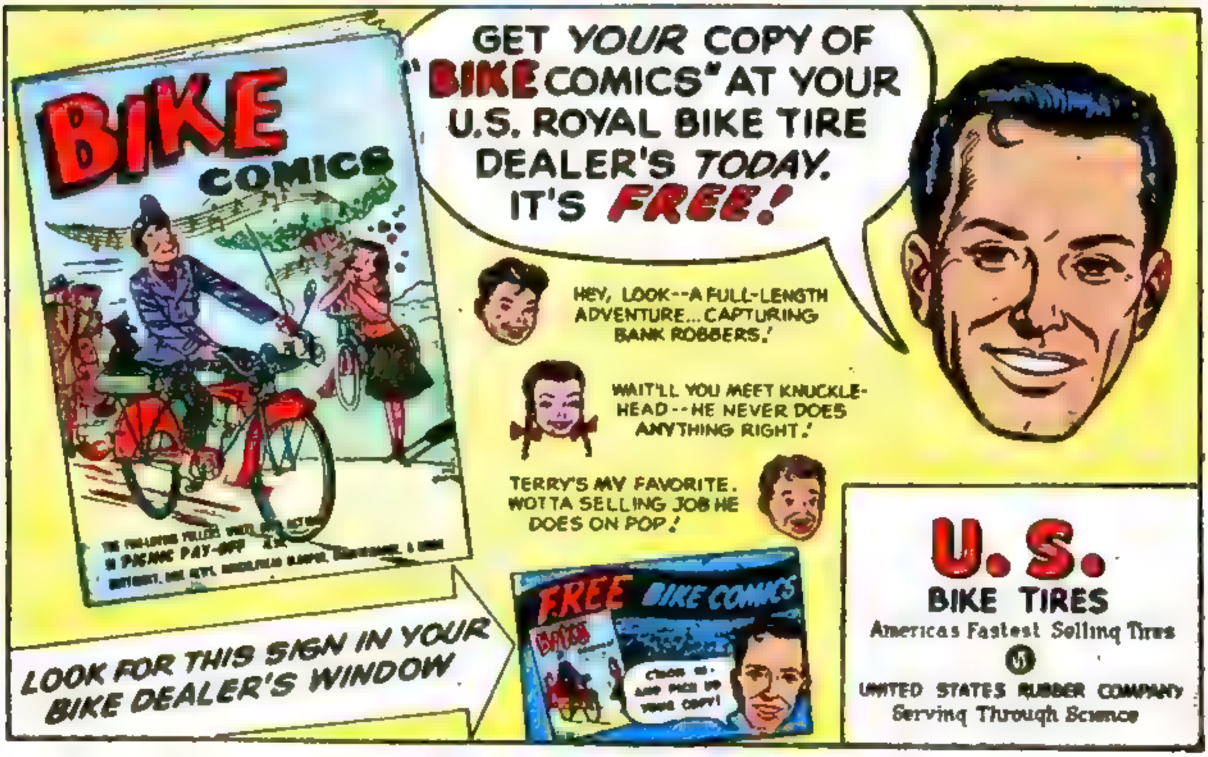

"U.S." ROYAL
WITH HIS JET-PROPELLED BIKE
BAMBOOZLING THE BANK ROBBERS
WHEN DESPERATE GUNMEN ROB THE TOWN BANK, DEPUTY U.S. ROYAL AND THE BOYS OF THE ELM CITY BIKE CLUB GO INTO ACTION WITH A DARING PLAN!
BANK
.. AND TELL THE POLICE TO BE THERE WITH GUNS DRAWN! SEE YOU LATER, BOYS...
EVERY SECOND COUNTS, AS THE JET BIKE RACES AHEAD OF THE ROBBERS.
GOOD THING THIS IS THE ONLY ROAD OUT OF TOWN ..NOW TO PLANT THAT SIGN AT THE HIGH-WAY TURN-OFF!
DEAD END AHEAD
AND SOON...
WELL, I'LL BE-- RIGHT INTO A DEAD END TRAP! BUT THE SIGN...
...WAS MOVED TO THROW YOU OFF THE TRACK--INTO OUR HANDS!
GREAT WORK, BOYS! WE SURPRISED THOSE CROOKS WITH A ROYAL RECEPTION!
ROYAL IS RIGHT!--OUR U.S. ROYAL BIKE TIRES GAVE US PLENTY OF SPEED WITH SAFETY. RIGHT, FELLAS? AND, SAY, SPEAKING OF SURPRISES--I'VE GOT A REAL ONE WAITING FOR YOU...
LATER, AT THE CLUBHOUSE...
A WHOLE COMIC BOOK ON BIKING?! LET'S SEE IT, U.S....
TAKE IT EASY, BOYS...THERE'S A COPY WAITING FOR EACH OF YOU-- AT YOUR U.S. ROYAL BIKE DEALER'S!
AFTER ME, TOM...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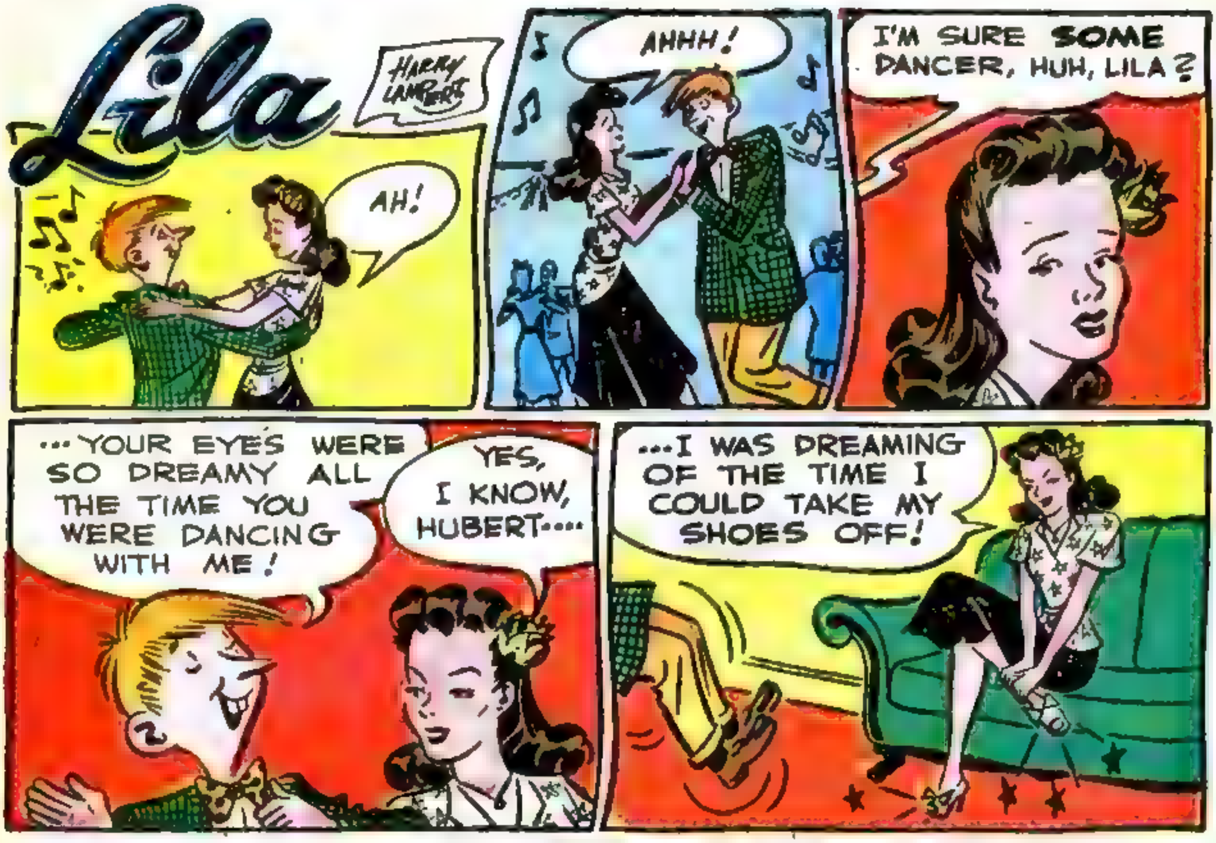
Lila
HARRY LAMPERT
AH!
AHHH!
I'M SURE SOME DANCER, HUH, LILA?
...YOUR EYES WERE SO DREAMY ALL THE TIME YOU WERE DANCING WITH ME!
YES, I KNOW, HUBERT....
...I WAS DREAMING OF THE TIME I COULD TAKE MY SHOES OFF!

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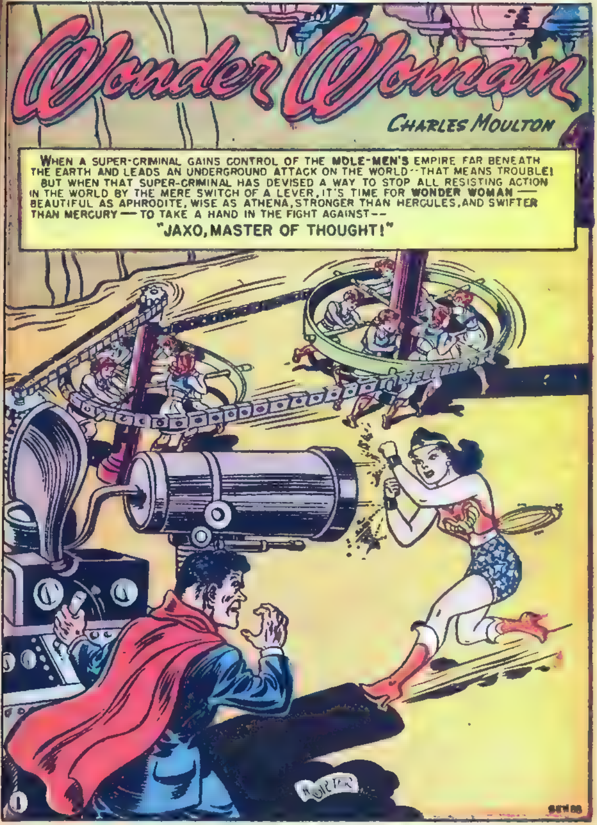
Wonder Woman
CHARLES MOULTON
WHEN A SUPER-CRIMINAL GAINS CONTROL OF THE MOLE-MEN'S EMPIRE FAR BENEATH THE EARTH AND LEADS AN UNDERGROUND ATTACK ON THE WORLD--THAT MEANS TROUBLE! BUT WHEN THAT SUPER-CRIMINAL HAS DEVISED A WAY TO STOP ALL RESISTING ACTION IN THE WORLD BY THE MERE SWITCH OF A LEVER, IT'S TIME FOR WONDER WOMAN — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY — TO TAKE A HAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST--
"JAXO, MASTER OF THOUGHT!"
MOULTON
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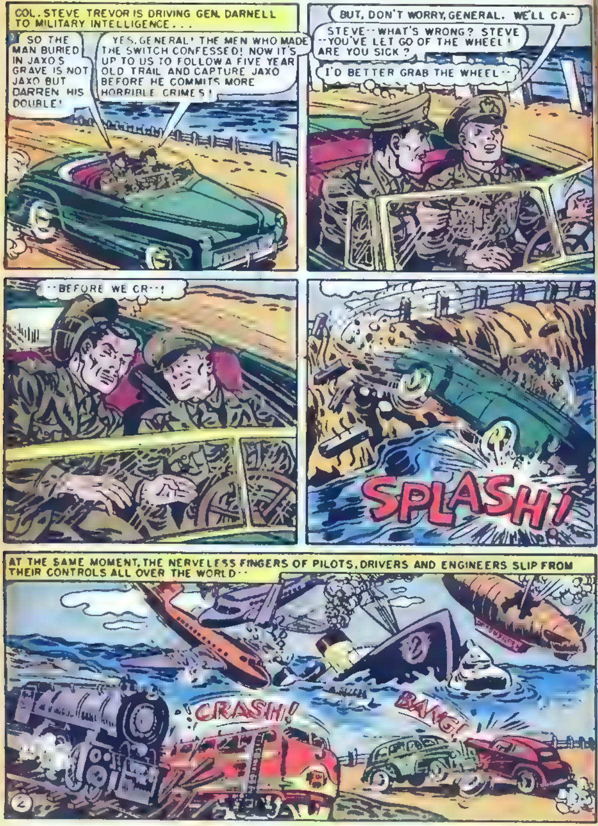
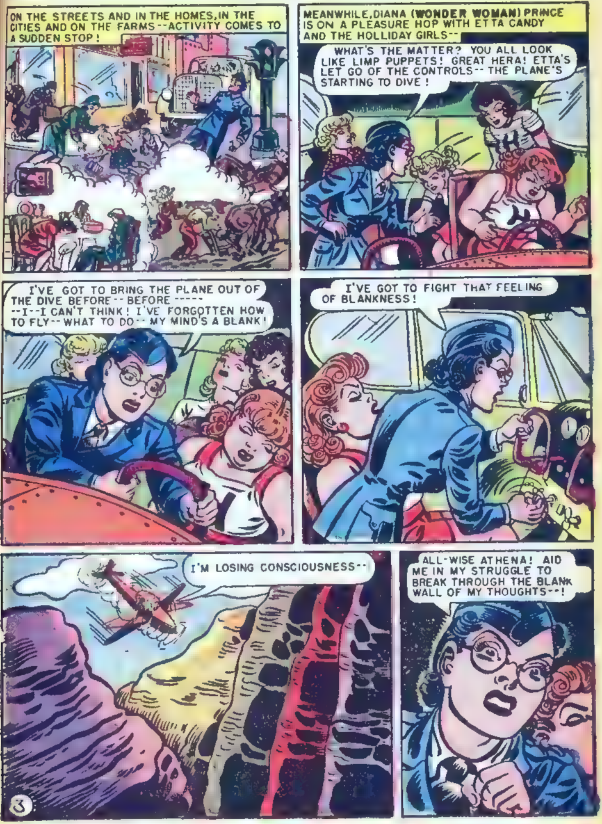

COL. STEVE TREVOR IS DRIVING GEN. DARNELL TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE . . .
SO THE MAN BURIED IN JAXO'S GRAVE IS NOT JAXO BUT DARREN HIS DOUBLE!
YES, GENERAL! THE MEN WHO MADE THE SWITCH CONFESSED! NOW IT'S UP TO US TO FOLLOW A FIVE YEAR OLD TRAIL AND CAPTURE JAXO BEFORE HE COMMITS MORE HORRIBLE CRIMES!
BUT, DON'T WORRY, GENERAL. WE'LL CA--
STEVE--WHAT'S WRONG? STEVE--YOU'VE LET GO OF THE WHEEL! ARE YOU SICK?
I'D BETTER GRAB THE WHEEL--
--BEFORE WE CR--!
SPLASH!
AT THE SAME MOMENT, THE NERVELESS FINGERS OF PILOTS, DRIVERS AND ENGINEERS SLIP FROM THEIR CONTROLS ALL OVER THE WORLD--
CRASH!
BANG!


ON THE STREETS AND IN THE HOMES, IN THE CITIES AND ON THE FARMS--ACTIVITY COMES TO A SUDDEN STOP!
MEANWHILE, DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE IS ON A PLEASURE HOP WITH ETTA CANDY AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS--
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU ALL LOOK LIKE LIMP PUPPETS! GREAT HERA! ETTA'S LET GO OF THE CONTROLS--THE PLANE'S STARTING TO DIVE!
I'VE GOT TO BRING THE PLANE OUT OF THE DIVE BEFORE--BEFORE----- --I--I CAN'T THINK! I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO FLY--WHAT TO DO--MY MIND'S A BLANK!
I'VE GOT TO FIGHT THAT FEELING OF BLANKNESS!
I'M LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS--
ALL-WISE ATHENA! AID ME IN MY STRUGGLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BLANK WALL OF MY THOUGHTS--!
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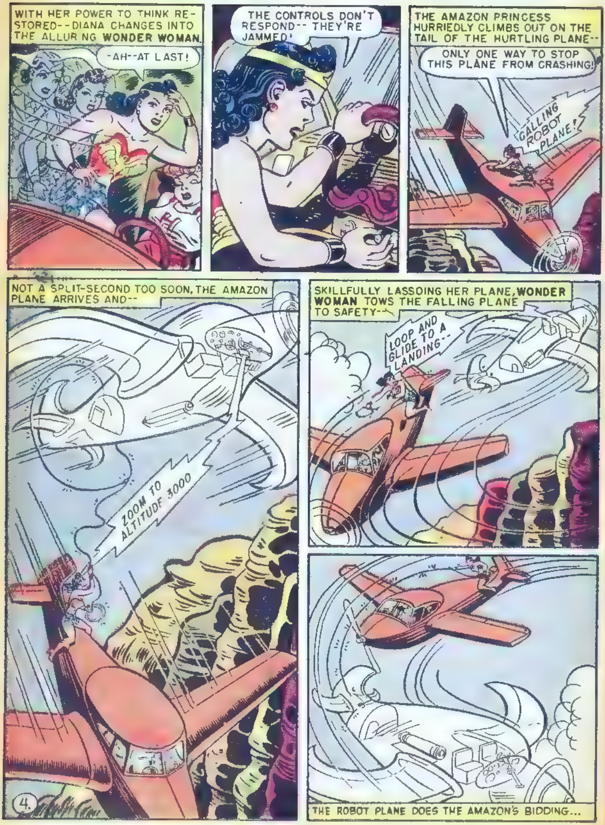
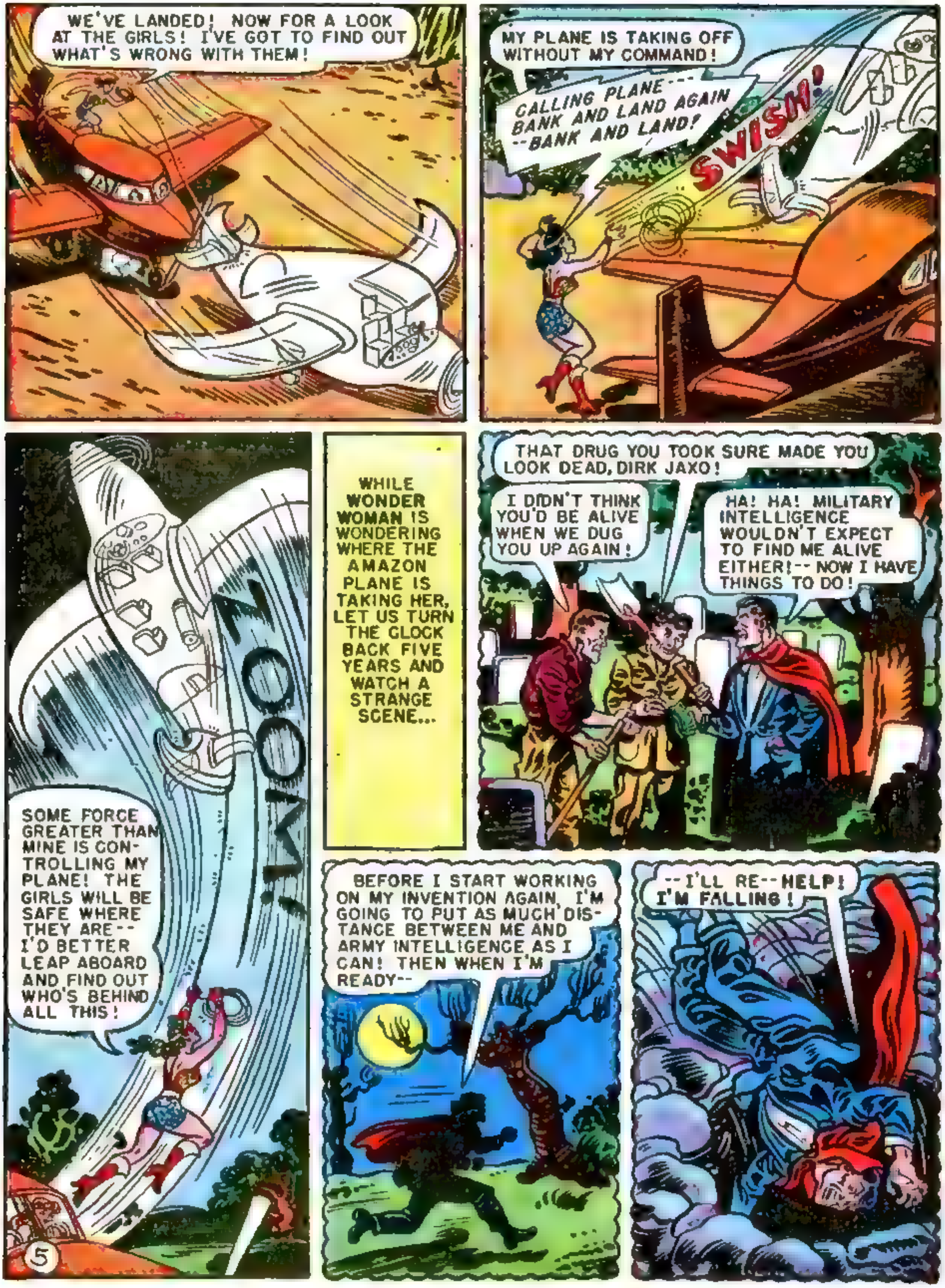
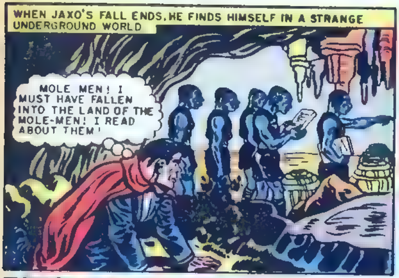
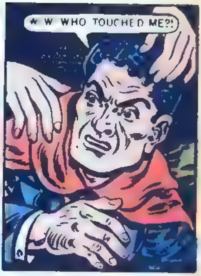
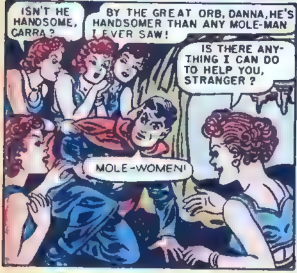
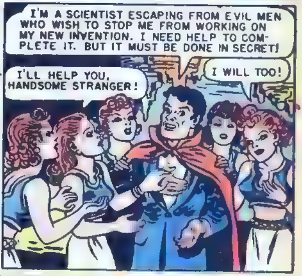

WITH HER POWER TO THINK RESTORED--DIANA CHANGES INTO THE ALLURING **WONDER WOMAN**.
-AH--AT LAST!
THE CONTROLS DON'T RESPOND-- THEY'RE JAMMED!
THE AMAZON PRINCESS HURRIEDLY CLIMBS OUT ON THE TAIL OF THE HURTLING PLANE--
ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THIS PLANE FROM CRASHING!
CALLING ROBOT PLANE!
NOT A SPLIT-SECOND TOO SOON, THE AMAZON PLANE ARRIVES AND--
ZOOM TO ALTITUDE 3000
SKILLFULLY LASSOING HER PLANE, **WONDER WOMAN** TOWS THE FALLING PLANE TO SAFETY--
LOOP AND GLIDE TO A LANDING--
THE ROBOT PLANE DOES THE AMAZON'S BIDDING...

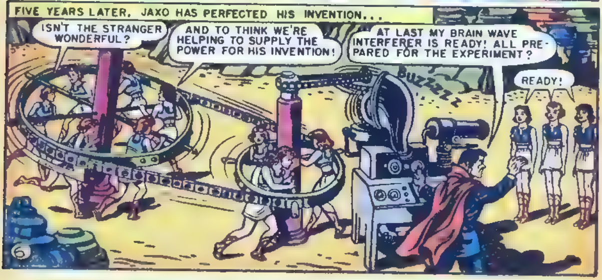

WE'VE LANDED! NOW FOR A LOOK AT THE GIRLS! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM!
MY PLANE IS TAKING OFF WITHOUT MY COMMAND!
CALLING PLANE--- BANK AND LAND AGAIN --BANK AND LAND!
SWISH!
SOME FORCE GREATER THAN MINE IS CONTROLLING MY PLANE! THE GIRLS WILL BE SAFE WHERE THEY ARE-- I'D BETTER LEAP ABOARD AND FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS!
ZOOM!
WHILE WONDER WOMAN IS WONDERING WHERE THE AMAZON PLANE IS TAKING HER, LET US TURN THE CLOCK BACK FIVE YEARS AND WATCH A STRANGE SCENE...
THAT DRUG YOU TOOK SURE MADE YOU LOOK DEAD, DIRK JAXO!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE ALIVE WHEN WE DUG YOU UP AGAIN!
HA! HA! MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WOULDN'T EXPECT TO FIND ME ALIVE EITHER!-- NOW I HAVE THINGS TO DO!
BEFORE I START WORKING ON MY INVENTION AGAIN, I'M GOING TO PUT AS MUCH DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND ARMY INTELLIGENCE AS I CAN! THEN WHEN I'M READY--
--I'LL RE--HELP! I'M FALLING!

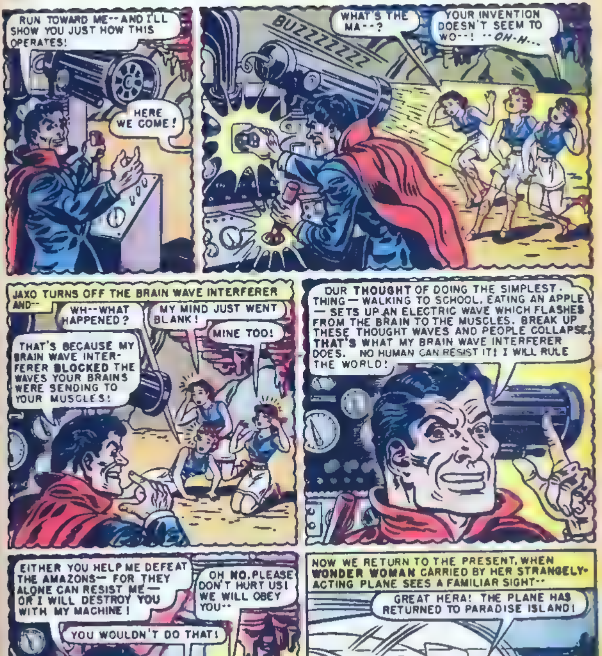

WHEN JAXO'S FALL ENDS, HE FINDS HIMSELF IN A STRANGE UNDERGROUND WORLD
MOLE MEN! I MUST HAVE FALLEN INTO THE LAND OF THE MOLE-MEN! I READ ABOUT THEM!

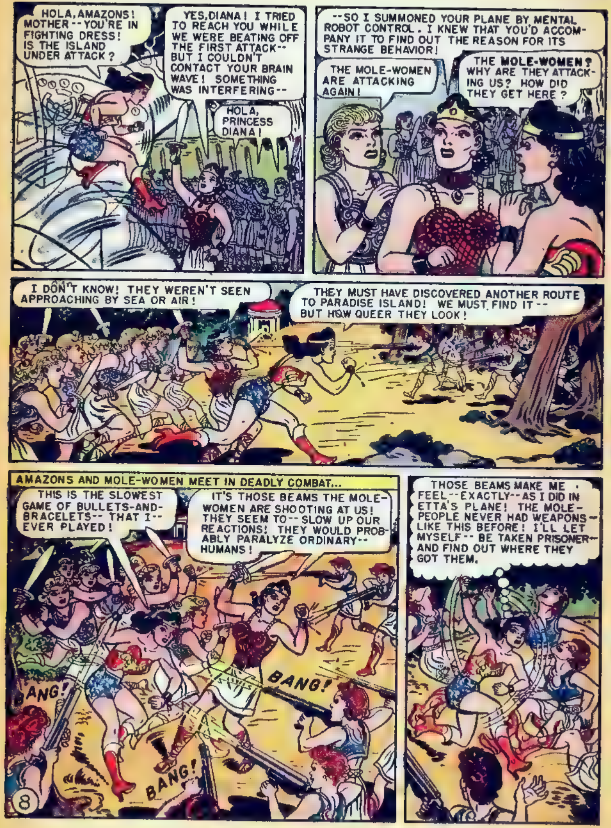

W-W-WHO TOUCHED ME?!

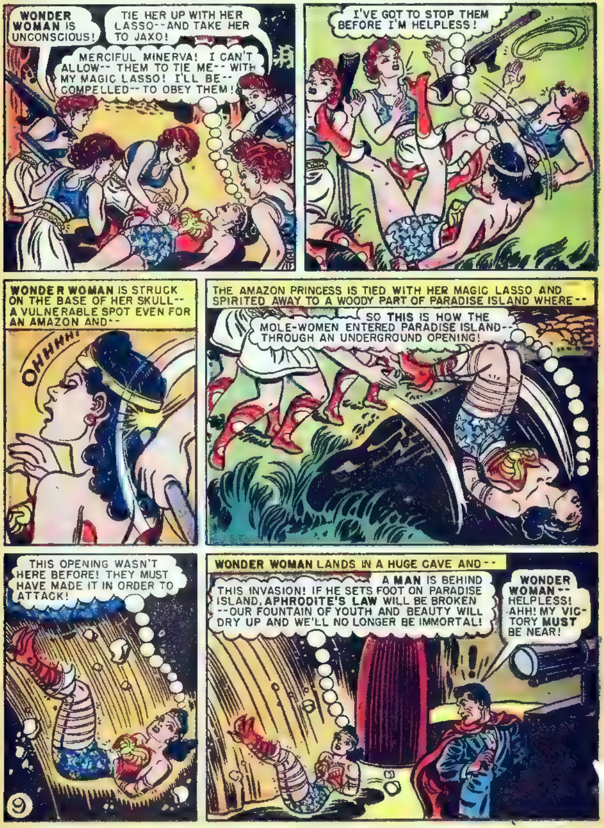

ISN'T HE HANDSOME, CARRA?
BY THE GREAT ORB, DANNA, HE'S HANDSOMER THAN ANY MOLE-MAN I EVER SAW!
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU, STRANGER?
MOLE-WOMEN!


I'M A SCIENTIST ESCAPING FROM EVIL MEN WHO WISH TO STOP ME FROM WORKING ON MY NEW INVENTION. I NEED HELP TO COMPLETE IT. BUT IT MUST BE DONE IN SECRET!
I'LL HELP YOU, HANDSOME STRANGER!
I WILL TOO!


FIVE YEARS LATER, JAXO HAS PERFECTED HIS INVENTION...
ISN'T THE STRANGER WONDERFUL?
AND TO THINK WE'RE HELPING TO SUPPLY THE POWER FOR HIS INVENTION!
AT LAST MY BRAIN WAVE INTERFERER IS READY! ALL PREPARED FOR THE EXPERIMENT?
BUZZZZZ
READY!


RUN TOWARD ME--AND I'LL SHOW YOU JUST HOW THIS OPERATES!
HERE WE COME!
BUZZZZZZZ
WHAT'S THE MA--?
YOUR INVENTION DOESN'T SEEM TO WO--! --OH-H...
JAXO TURNS OFF THE BRAIN WAVE INTERFERER AND--
WH--WHAT HAPPENED?
MY MIND JUST WENT BLANK!
MINE TOO!
THAT'S BECAUSE MY BRAIN WAVE INTERFERER BLOCKED THE WAVES YOUR BRAINS WERE SENDING TO YOUR MUSCLES!
OUR THOUGHT OF DOING THE SIMPLEST THING — WALKING TO SCHOOL, EATING AN APPLE — SETS UP AN ELECTRIC WAVE WHICH FLASHES FROM THE BRAIN TO THE MUSCLES. BREAK UP THESE THOUGHT WAVES AND PEOPLE COLLAPSE. THAT'S WHAT MY BRAIN WAVE INTERFERER DOES. NO HUMAN CAN RESIST IT! I WILL RULE THE WORLD!
EITHER YOU HELP ME DEFEAT THE AMAZONS— FOR THEY ALONE CAN RESIST ME— OR I WILL DESTROY YOU WITH MY MACHINE!
OH NO, PLEASE DON'T HURT US! WE WILL OBEY YOU--
YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT!
NOW WE RETURN TO THE PRESENT, WHEN WONDER WOMAN CARRIED BY HER STRANGELY-ACTING PLANE SEES A FAMILIAR SIGHT--
GREAT HERA! THE PLANE HAS RETURNED TO PARADISE ISLAND!


HOLA, AMAZONS! MOTHER--YOU'RE IN FIGHTING DRESS! IS THE ISLAND UNDER ATTACK?
YES, DIANA! I TRIED TO REACH YOU WHILE WE WERE BEATING OFF THE FIRST ATTACK--BUT I COULDN'T CONTACT YOUR BRAIN WAVE! SOMETHING WAS INTERFERING--
HOLA, PRINCESS DIANA!
--SO I SUMMONED YOUR PLANE BY MENTAL ROBOT CONTROL. I KNEW THAT YOU'D ACCOMPANY IT TO FIND OUT THE REASON FOR ITS STRANGE BEHAVIOR!
THE MOLE-WOMEN ARE ATTACKING AGAIN!
THE MOLE-WOMEN? WHY ARE THEY ATTACKING US? HOW DID THEY GET HERE?
I DON'T KNOW! THEY WEREN'T SEEN APPROACHING BY SEA OR AIR!
THEY MUST HAVE DISCOVERED ANOTHER ROUTE TO PARADISE ISLAND! WE MUST FIND IT--BUT HOW QUEER THEY LOOK!
AMAZONS AND MOLE-WOMEN MEET IN DEADLY COMBAT...
THIS IS THE SLOWEST GAME OF BULLETS-AND-BRACELETS--THAT I--EVER PLAYED!
IT'S THOSE BEAMS THE MOLE-WOMEN ARE SHOOTING AT US! THEY SEEM TO--SLOW UP OUR REACTIONS! THEY WOULD PROBABLY PARALYZE ORDINARY--HUMANS!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
THOSE BEAMS MAKE ME FEEL--EXACTLY--AS I DID IN ETTA'S PLANE! THE MOLE-PEOPLE NEVER HAD WEAPONS--LIKE THIS BEFORE! I'LL LET MYSELF--BE TAKEN PRISONER--AND FIND OUT WHERE THEY GOT THEM.


WONDER WOMAN IS UNCONSCIOUS!
TIE HER UP WITH HER LASSO--AND TAKE HER TO JAXO!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! I CAN'T ALLOW-- THEM TO TIE ME-- WITH MY MAGIC LASSO! I'LL BE-- COMPELLED-- TO OBEY THEM!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM BEFORE I'M HELPLESS!
WONDER WOMAN IS STRUCK ON THE BASE OF HER SKULL-- A VULNERABLE SPOT EVEN FOR AN AMAZON AND--
OHHHH!
THE AMAZON PRINCESS IS TIED WITH HER MAGIC LASSO AND SPIRITED AWAY TO A WOODY PART OF PARADISE ISLAND WHERE--
SO THIS IS HOW THE MOLE-WOMEN ENTERED PARADISE ISLAND-- THROUGH AN UNDERGROUND OPENING!
THIS OPENING WASN'T HERE BEFORE! THEY MUST HAVE MADE IT IN ORDER TO ATTACK!
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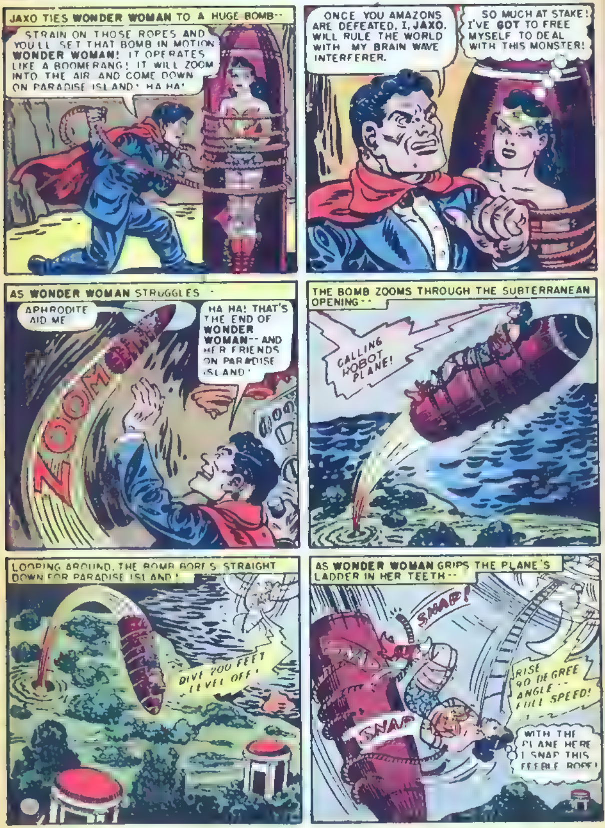
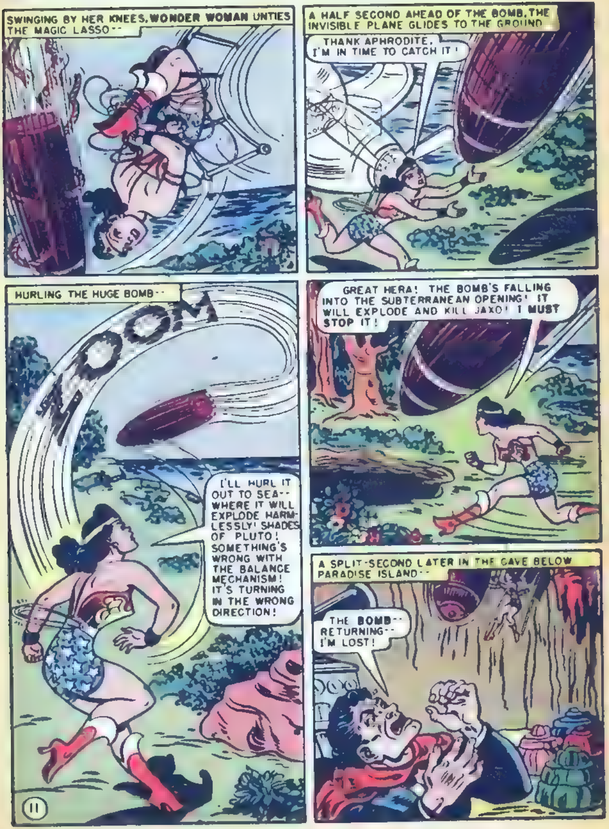
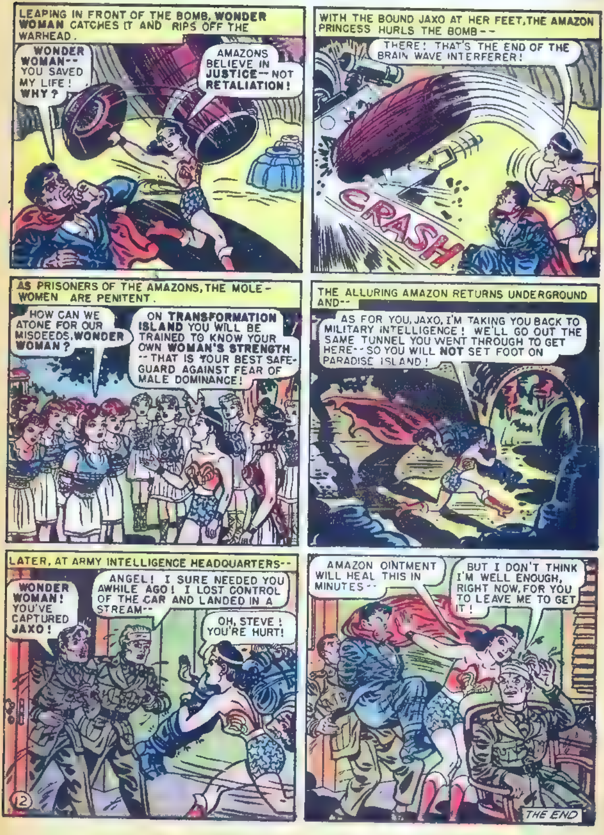
WONDER WOMAN LANDS IN A HUGE CAVE AND--
A MAN IS BEHIND THIS INVASION! IF HE SETS FOOT ON PARADISE ISLAND, APHRODITE'S LAW WILL BE BROKEN --OUR FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH AND BEAUTY WILL DRY UP AND WE'LL NO LONGER BE IMMORTAL!
WONDER WOMAN-- HELPLESS! AHH! MY VICTORY MUST BE NEAR!


JAXO TIES WONDER WOMAN TO A HUGE BOMB--
STRAIN ON THOSE ROPES AND YOU'LL SET THAT BOMB IN MOTION WONDER WOMAN! IT OPERATES LIKE A BOOMERANG! IT WILL ZOOM INTO THE AIR AND COME DOWN ON PARADISE ISLAND! HA HA!
ONCE YOU AMAZONS ARE DEFEATED, I, JAXO, WILL RULE THE WORLD WITH MY BRAIN WAVE INTERFERER.
SO MUCH AT STAKE! I'VE GOT TO FREE MYSELF TO DEAL WITH THIS MONSTER!
AS WONDER WOMAN STRUGGLES -
APHRODITE AID ME
HA HA! THAT'S THE END OF WONDER WOMAN--AND HER FRIENDS ON PARADISE ISLAND!
ZOOM
THE BOMB ZOOMS THROUGH THE SUBTERRANEAN OPENING--
CALLING ROBOT PLANE!
LOOPING AROUND, THE BOMB BORES STRAIGHT DOWN FOR PARADISE ISLAND!
DIVE 200 FEET LEVEL OFF!
AS WONDER WOMAN GRIPS THE PLANE'S LADDER IN HER TEETH--
SNAP!
RISE 90 DEGREE ANGLE--FULL SPEED!
SNAP
WITH THE PLANE HERE I SNAP THIS FEEBLE ROPE!


SWINGING BY HER KNEES, WONDER WOMAN UNTIES THE MAGIC LASSO--
A HALF SECOND AHEAD OF THE BOMB, THE INVISIBLE PLANE GLIDES TO THE GROUND
THANK APHRODITE, I'M IN TIME TO CATCH IT!
HURLING THE HUGE BOMB--
ZOOM
I'LL HURL IT OUT TO SEA-- WHERE IT WILL EXPLODE HARMLESSLY! SHADES OF PLUTO! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE BALANCE MECHANISM! IT'S TURNING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!
GREAT HERA! THE BOMB'S FALLING INTO THE SUBTERRANEAN OPENING! IT WILL EXPLODE AND KILL JAXO! I MUST STOP IT!
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER IN THE CAVE BELOW PARADISE ISLAND--
THE BOMB-- RETURNING-- I'M LOST!


LEAPING IN FRONT OF THE BOMB, WONDER WOMAN CATCHES IT AND RIPS OFF THE WARHEAD.
WONDER WOMAN-- YOU SAVED MY LIFE! WHY?
AMAZONS BELIEVE IN JUSTICE-- NOT RETALIATION!
WITH THE BOUND JAXO AT HER FEET, THE AMAZON PRINCESS HURLS THE BOMB--
THERE! THAT'S THE END OF THE BRAIN WAVE INTERFERER!
CRASH
AS PRISONERS OF THE AMAZONS, THE MOLE-WOMEN ARE PENITENT.
HOW CAN WE ATONE FOR OUR MISDEEDS, WONDER WOMAN?
ON TRANSFORMATION ISLAND YOU WILL BE TRAINED TO KNOW YOUR OWN WOMAN'S STRENGTH --THAT IS YOUR BEST SAFEGUARD AGAINST FEAR OF MALE DOMINANCE!
THE ALLURING AMAZON RETURNS UNDERGROUND AND--
AS FOR YOU, JAXO, I'M TAKING YOU BACK TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE! WE'LL GO OUT THE SAME TUNNEL YOU WENT THROUGH TO GET HERE--SO YOU WILL NOT SET FOOT ON PARADISE ISLAND!
LATER, AT ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS--
WONDER WOMAN! YOU'VE CAPTURED JAXO!
ANGEL! I SURE NEEDED YOU AWHILE AGO! I LOST CONTROL OF THE CAR AND LANDED IN A STREAM--
OH, STEVE! YOU'RE HURT!
AMAZON OINTMENT WILL HEAL THIS IN MINUTES--
BUT I DON'T THINK I'M WELL ENOUGH, RIGHT NOW, FOR YOU TO LEAVE ME TO GET IT!
THE END

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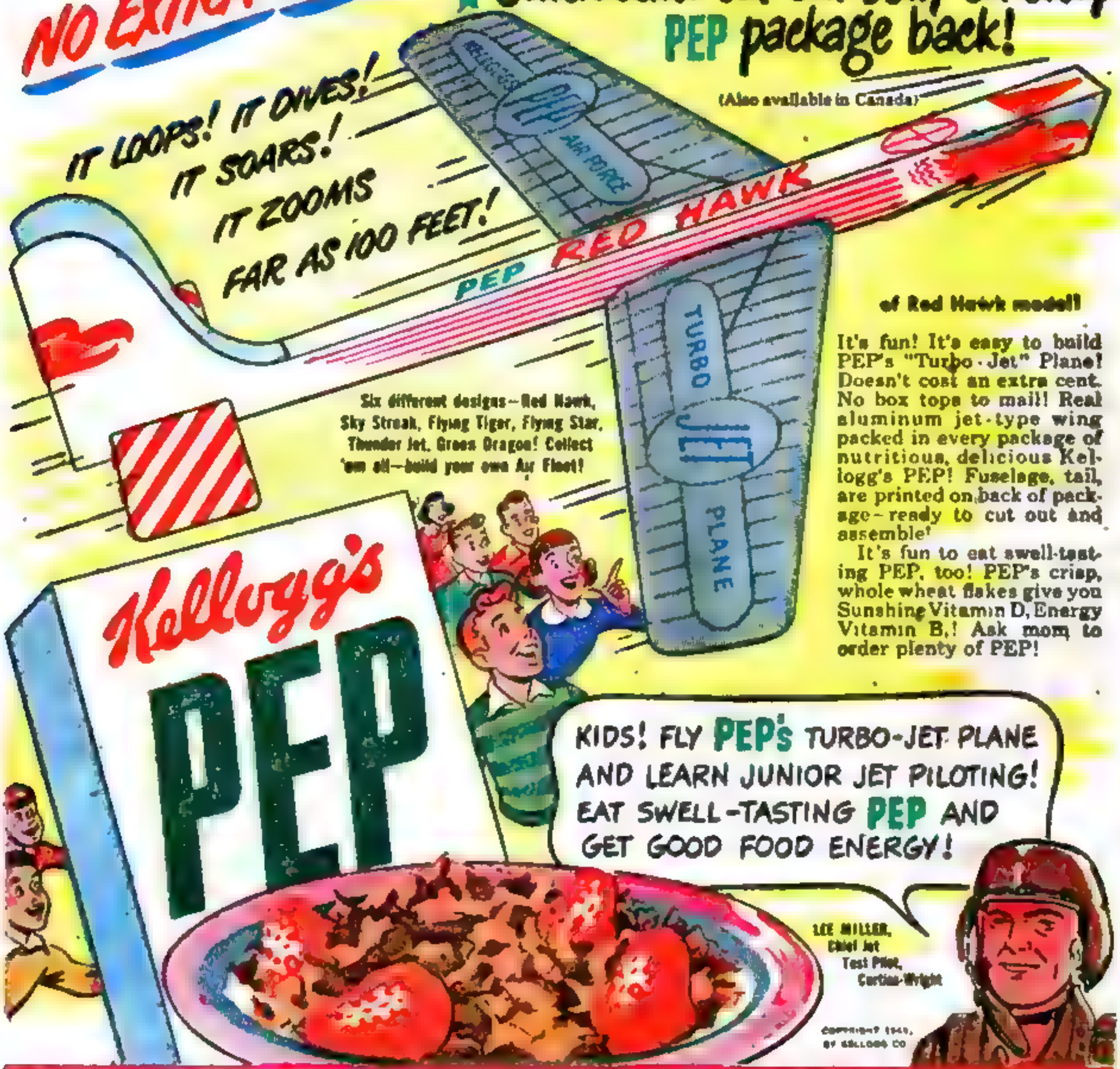
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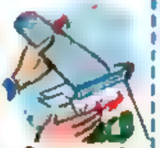

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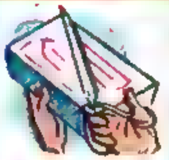

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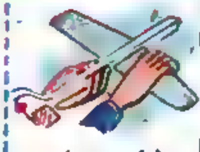

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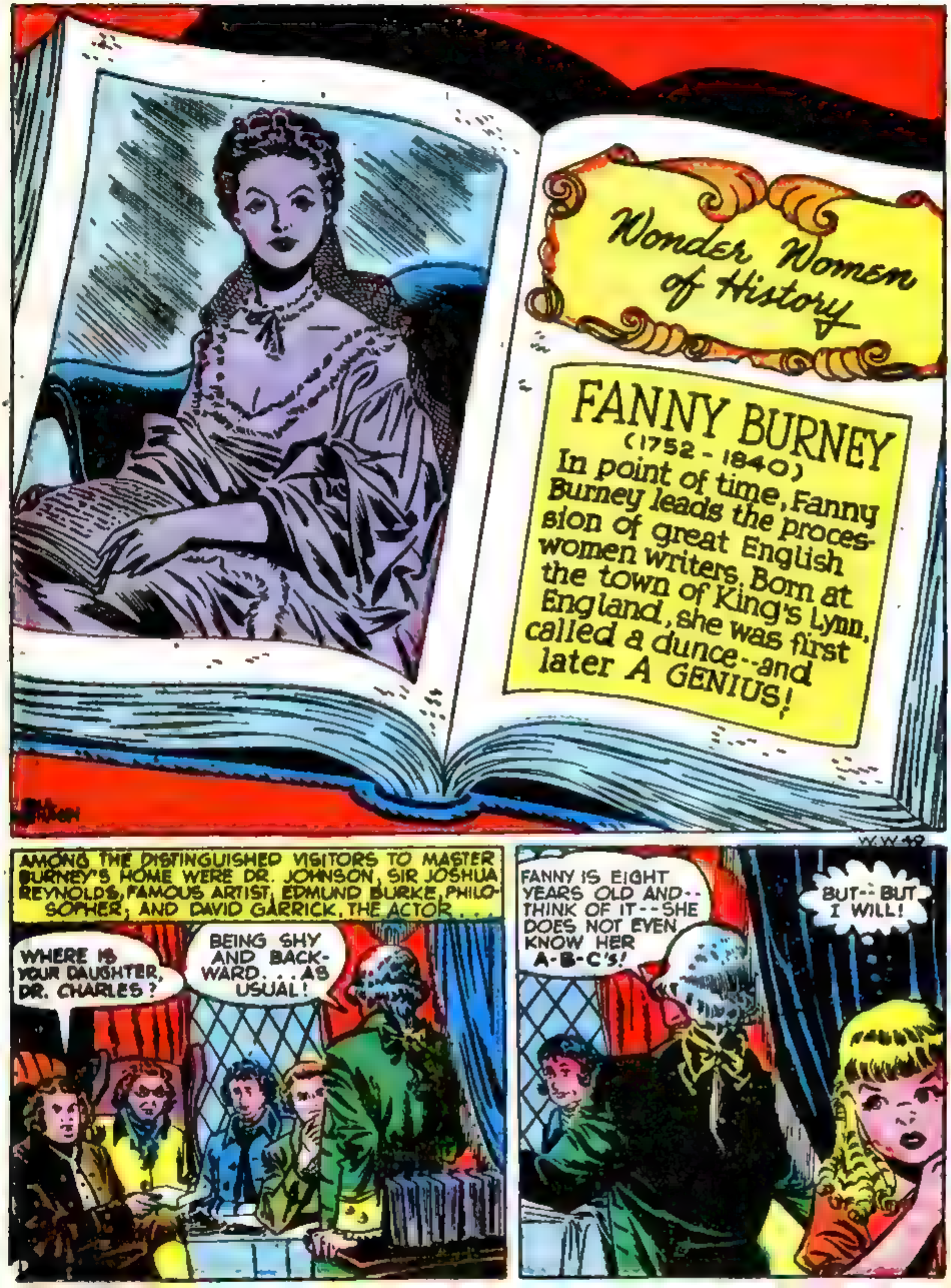
Wonder Women of History
FANNY BURNEY
(1752 - 1840)
In point of time, Fanny Burney leads the procession of great English women writers. Born at the town of King's Lynn, England, she was first called a dunce--and later A GENIUS!
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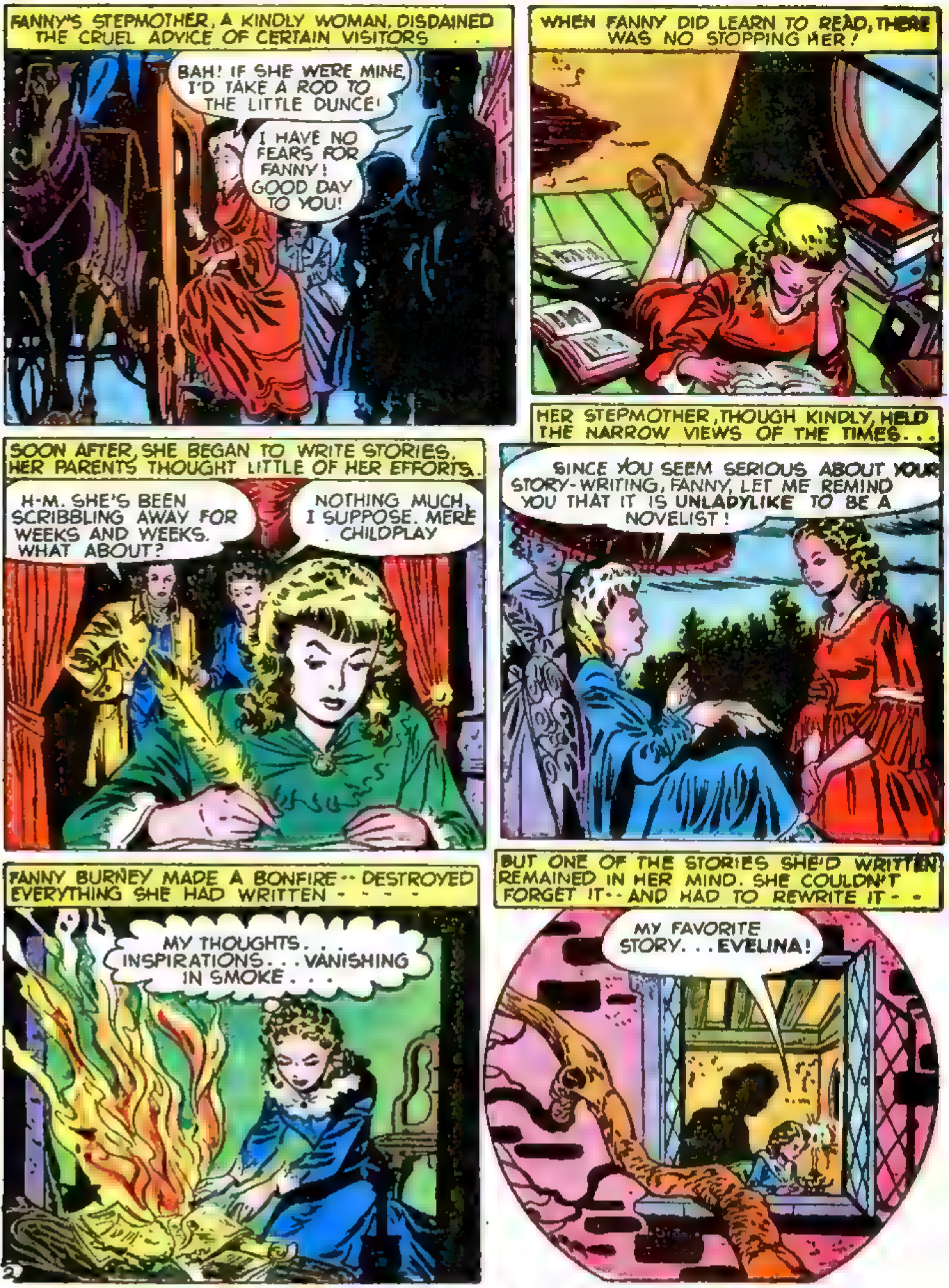
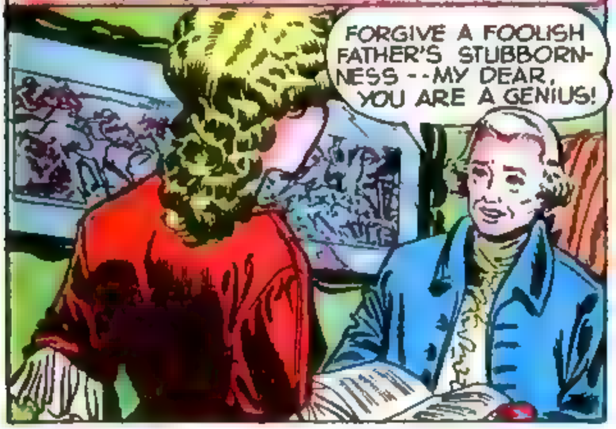
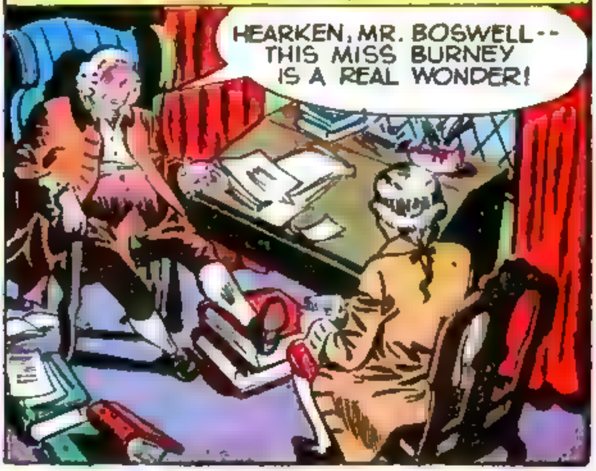
AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO MASTER BURNEY'S HOME WERE DR. JOHNSON, SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS, FAMOUS ARTIST, EDMUND BURKE, PHILOSOPHER, AND DAVID GARRICK, THE ACTOR . . .
WHERE IS YOUR DAUGHTER, DR. CHARLES?
BEING SHY AND BACKWARD . . . AS USUAL!
FANNY IS EIGHT YEARS OLD AND--THINK OF IT--SHE DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HER A-B-C'S!
BUT--BUT I WILL!


FANNY'S STEPMOTHER, A KINDLY WOMAN, DISDAINED THE CRUEL ADVICE OF CERTAIN VISITORS . . .
BAH! IF SHE WERE MINE, I'D TAKE A ROD TO THE LITTLE DUNCE!
I HAVE NO FEARS FOR FANNY! GOOD DAY TO YOU!
WHEN FANNY DID LEARN TO READ, THERE WAS NO STOPPING HER!
SOON AFTER, SHE BEGAN TO WRITE STORIES. HER PARENTS THOUGHT LITTLE OF HER EFFORTS.
H-M. SHE'S BEEN SCRIBBLING AWAY FOR WEEKS AND WEEKS. WHAT ABOUT?
NOTHING MUCH, I SUPPOSE. MERE CHILDPLAY
HER STEPMOTHER, THOUGH KINDLY, HELD THE NARROW VIEWS OF THE TIMES . . .
SINCE YOU SEEM SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR STORY-WRITING, FANNY, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT IT IS UNLADYLIKE TO BE A NOVELIST!
FANNY BURNEY MADE A BONFIRE -- DESTROYED EVERYTHING SHE HAD WRITTEN - - - -
MY THOUGHTS . . . INSPIRATIONS . . . VANISHING IN SMOKE . . .
BUT ONE OF THE STORIES SHE'D WRITTEN REMAINED IN HER MIND. SHE COULDN'T FORGET IT -- AND HAD TO REWRITE IT - -
MY FAVORITE STORY . . . EVELINA!

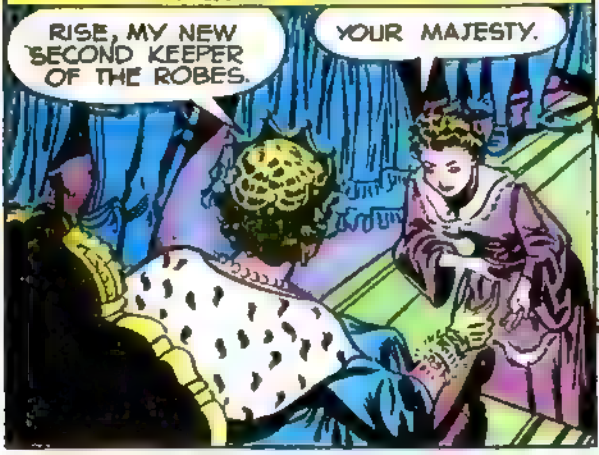
IT WASN'T PUBLISHED UNTIL SHE WAS TWENTY-THREE YEARS OLD-- AND THOUGH IT WAS PRINTED WITHOUT HER NAME, HER FATHER SOON GUESSED HER SECRET . . .


FORGIVE A FOOLISH FATHER'S STUBBORNNESS --MY DEAR, YOU ARE A GENIUS!

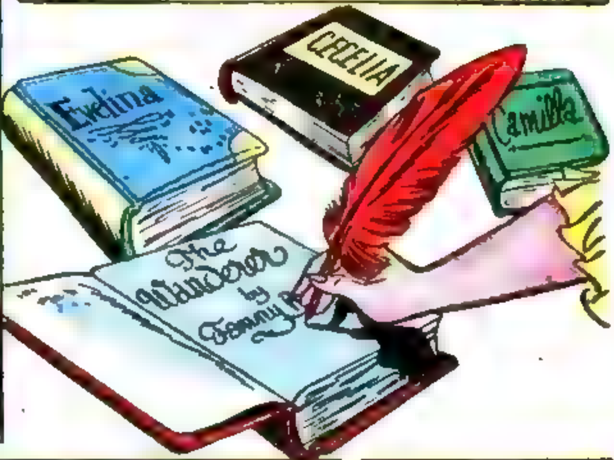
DR. JOHNSON, WHOSE WORD WAS UNDISPUTED, HAD THIS TO SAY:


HEARKEN, MR. BOSWELL-- THIS MISS BURNEY IS A REAL WONDER!

SHE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE REIGNING ROYAL FAMILY, AND SUMMONED TO COURT BY QUEEN CHARLOTTE . . .


RISE, MY NEW SECOND KEEPER OF THE ROBES.
YOUR MAJESTY.

FANNY BURNEY DID NOT REST UPON HER LAURELS. OTHER GREAT WORKS POURED FROM HER PENS . . .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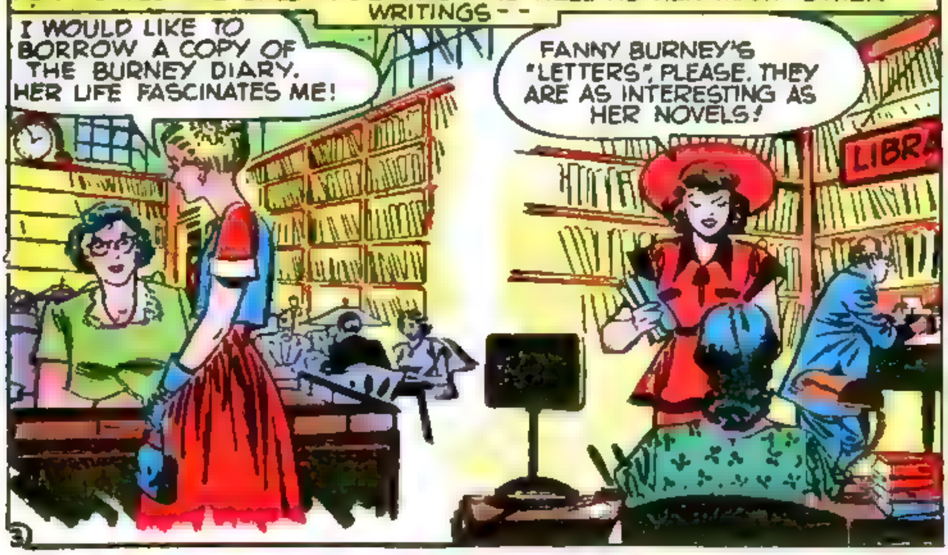
HER NOVELS ARE STILL IN DEMAND-- AS WELL AS HER MANY OTHER WRITINGS--


I WOULD LIKE TO BORROW A COPY OF THE BURNEY DIARY. HER LIFE FASCINATES ME!
FANNY BURNEY'S "LETTERS", PLEASE. THEY ARE AS INTERESTING AS HER NOVELS!
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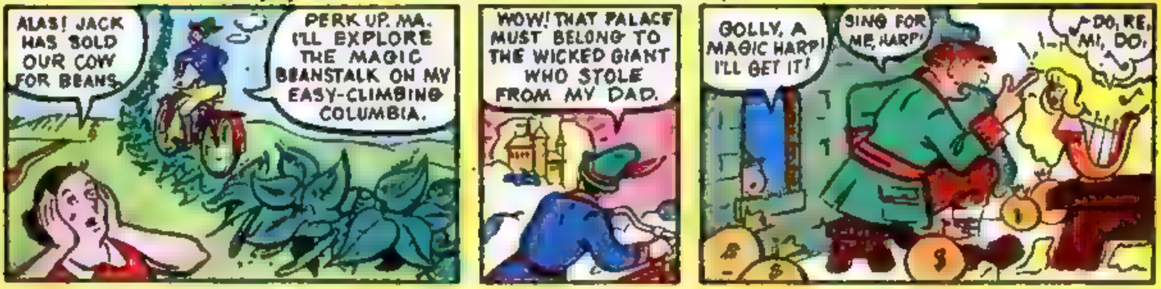
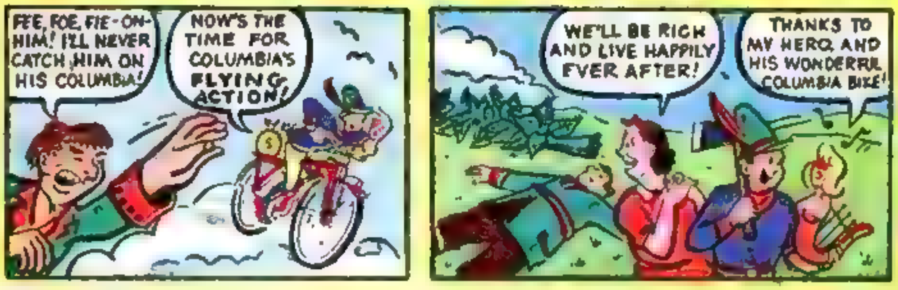
FANNY BURNEY SERVED LITERATURE WISELY AND WELL. SHE WROTE ABOUT PEOPLE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE-- AND HER PORTRAYALS ALWAYS RANG TRUE TO LIFE!

Diana Prince
WONDER WOMAN

OH! WOULD I LIKE TO HAVE BEEN JACK THE GIANT KILLER!

DAYDREAM MIKE and his WONDERFUL BIKE!


ALAS! JACK HAS SOLD OUR COW FOR BEANS.
PERK UP, MA. I'LL EXPLORE THE MAGIC BEANSTALK ON MY EASY-CLIMBING COLUMBIA.
WOW! THAT PALACE MUST BELONG TO THE WICKED GIANT WHO STOLE FROM MY DAD.
GOLLY, A MAGIC HARP! I'LL GET IT!
SING FOR ME, HARP!
DO, RE, MI, DO.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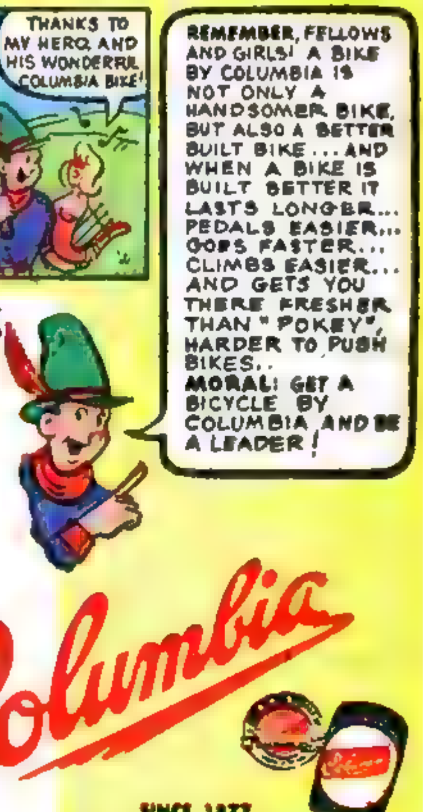
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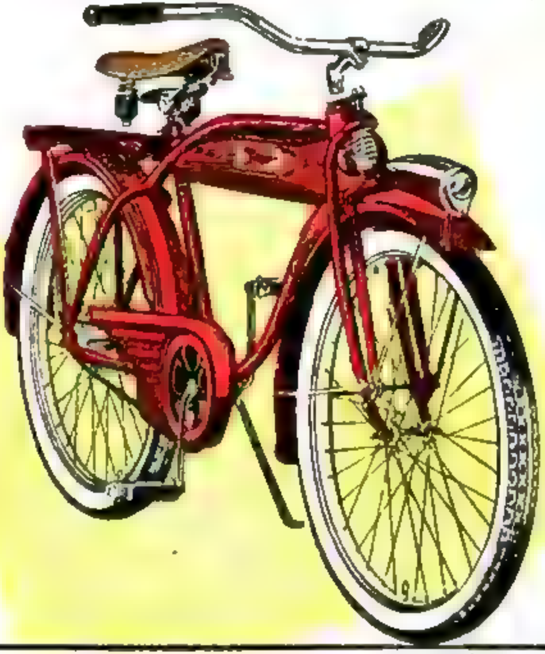

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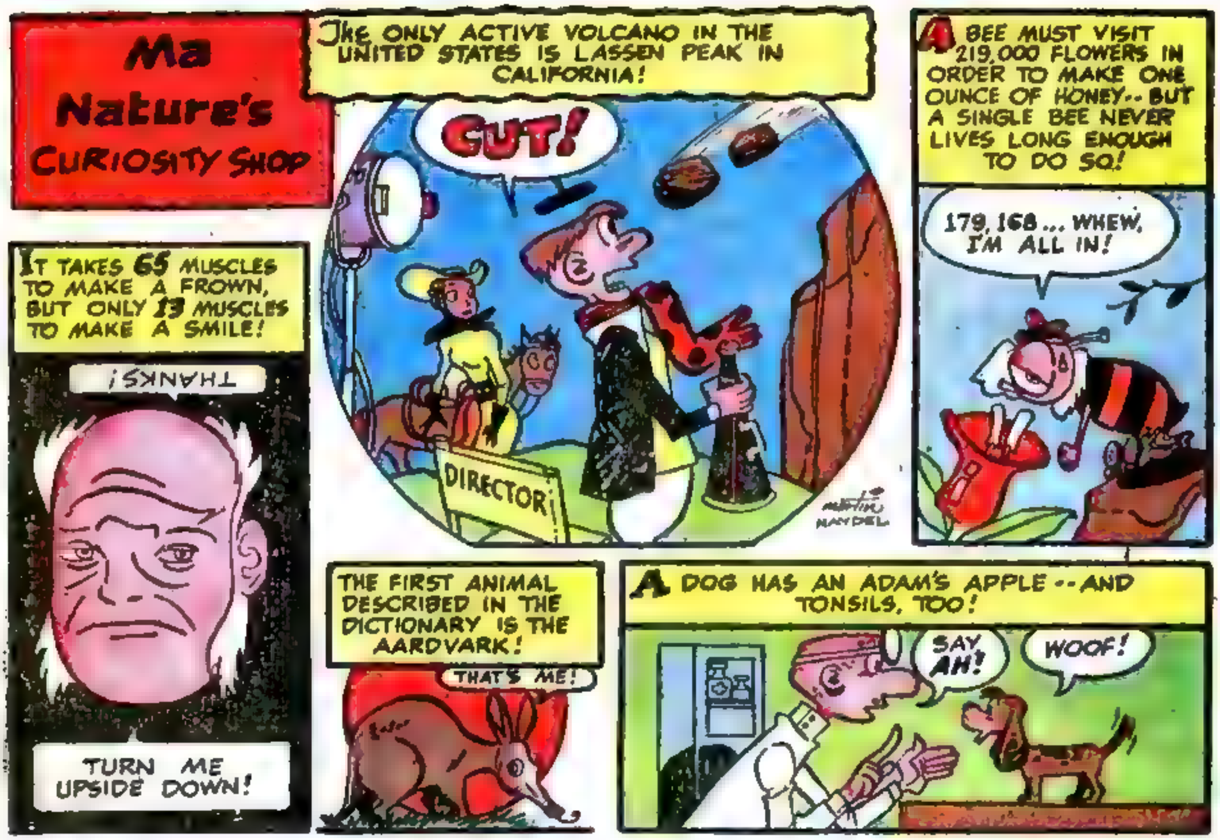
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THANKS!
TURN ME UPSIDE DOWN!
THE FIRST ANIMAL DESCRIBED IN THE DICTIONARY IS THE AARDVARK!
THAT'S ME!
A DOG HAS AN ADAM'S APPLE -- AND TONSILS, TOO!
SAY AH!
WOOF!

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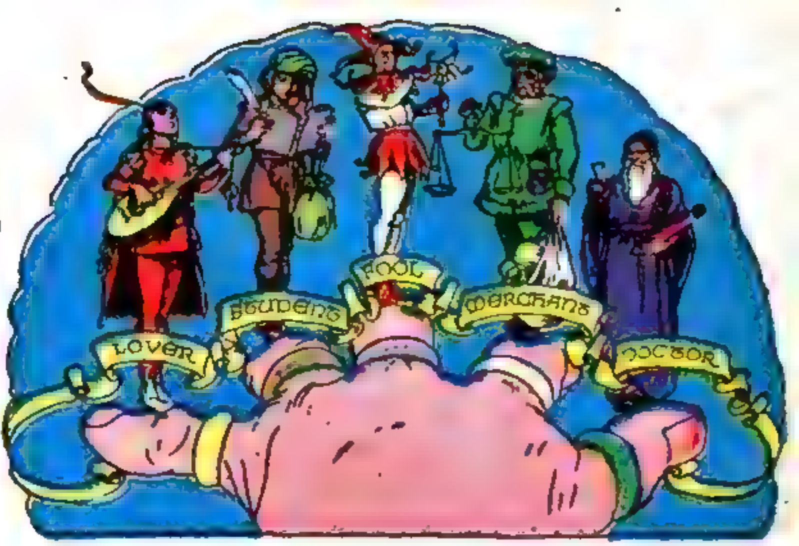

THE problem of who was the first person to wear a ring, or when, will probably always remain a never-to-be-solved riddle. It is not difficult to make a plausible guess on the origin of the wearing of hats, gloves, earrings, or shoes, but the custom of ring-wearing is a much more difficult one to trace.

We are familiar with the custom of wearing an engagement or wedding ring on the third finger of the left hand. In ancient Egypt it was believed that a vein ran directly from this finger to the heart. And since the Egyptians considered the heart the center of emotions, it is easy to link such an emotional affair as an engagement or a wedding with wearing the ring on the third finger.

A more reasonable guess for the origin of this custom was the theory offered by Macrobius. He claimed that rings were worn on the third finger of the left hand in order to protect the precious setting of the ring from injury.

In days of old, the *thumb* was the most often used finger in daily activities, and consequently was unsuited for wearing rings. The *index finger*, reasoned Macrobius, was too exposed for a ring. The *middle finger* was too long. The *little finger* (pinky) was too small. In this manner, the third finger became the most adaptable for ring-wearing. And since the right hand was too occupied with work during the day, the left hand became the safest.

If this speculation about the origins of ring-wearing seems a bit unromantic, consider that it was *men*, not women, who were the first to wear rings! In the 16th century, the Gauls and Britons issued the following code on the wearing of rings by men:

For the thumb—doctors
For the index finger—merchants
For the middle finger—fools
For the annular finger—students
For the auricular (small) finger—lovers.

Surprisingly enough, there are cases on record when even the bulky looking thumb had rings placed on them. In the 3rd Century, B.C., the Roman Emperor Maximinus searched in vain for a ring big enough for him, until finally in despair he borrowed his wife's bracelets and wore them as thumb rings!

Even as gold is the most popular metal used for rings today, so it was in earlier times of which we have records. The Israelites not only wore golden rings on their fingers, but on occasion in their nostrils and ears as well. Gold rings were regarded as the emblem of fidelity in civil engagements.

In ancient Egypt nothing quite surpassed the beauty of porcelain finger rings. Many of them had a plate in which bas-relief there was the figure of the god Baal playing on the tambourine.

Gold, silver, iron, ivory, and amber were among the materials used in ancient Greece to make rings. From this period comes an interesting story about the extraordinary use of a ring by Ismenias of Thebes, who has sent as emissary to a powerful Persian king. When he entered the throne room of the Persian monarch, he was told that it was the custom in Persia to pay homage to the king by bowing before him.

This was contrary to the Greek religion which forbade any act of divine homage to a mortal being. However, since the success of the emissary's mission was of the utmost importance, Ismenias contrived a clever means of thwarting the Persian ceremony. As he drew near the ruler, he unobtrusively dropped a ring he was wearing to the floor. He quickly stopped to recover it, and thereby pleased the entire court assemblage —the Persians who assumed he was paying homage to their king, and the Greeks who understood the deception and whose pride was spared.

The *iron ring* was worn by the Romans as a sign of individual honor. Every freeman was permitted the distinction of wearing a ring, but if he committed a crime, he was forbidden to wear one.

In the life of the Roman, the birthday was regarded as one of his most solemn days. The natal ring was a very essential and important part of his attire. It was richly set with precious stones and displayed on the finger only on the day he celebrated his birthday. To wear it at any other time was deemed an irreligious act. Incidentally, Roman gladiators wore such heavy rings that a blow from one of them could be fatal.

For a long spell during the Middle Ages there was no radical change in ring design. Then in the 14th century the extravagance in dress and decoration began to effect an influence. Edward III issued an edict that all Englishmen below the rank of knighthood, or those who possessed less than 200 pounds in land and tenements, were forbidden to wear rings or any other articles of jewelry.

The discovery of ancient rings on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea has revealed some strange customs connected with the ring. If a man insulted an unmarried woman, the ruler of the district gave the insulted woman a rope, a sword, and a ring. If she chose the rope, the man was hanged; if she picked the sword, he was beheaded; but if she chose the ring, the man was forced to marry her!

Research does not reveal anything of significance concerning ring wearing or making in modern times. Prehistoric American ruins fails to show any interest in rings by the original settlers here. Indeed, the only place in the New World where it was considered possible that rings might have been worn was in the far North.

This theory was exploded when Admiral Peary brought some cheap rings with him to the North Polar regions to use as objects of barter with the Eskimos. But they refused either to wear them or have anything else to do with them. The explanation advanced for this was that it was so cold in the Arctic regions that even the slightest pressure on the finger had to be avoided for fear it would interfere with the circulation of the blood and thus increase the danger of frostbite.

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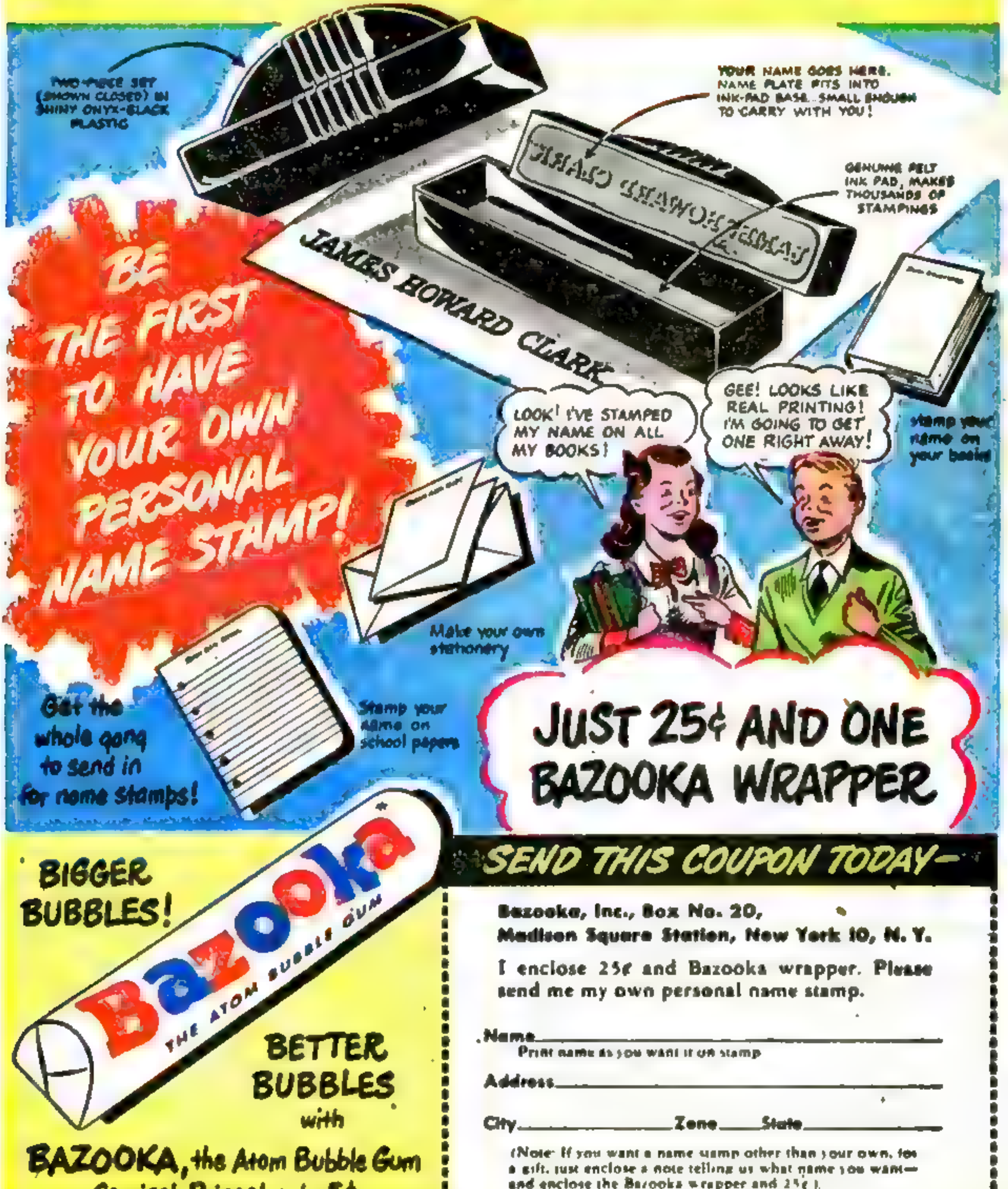
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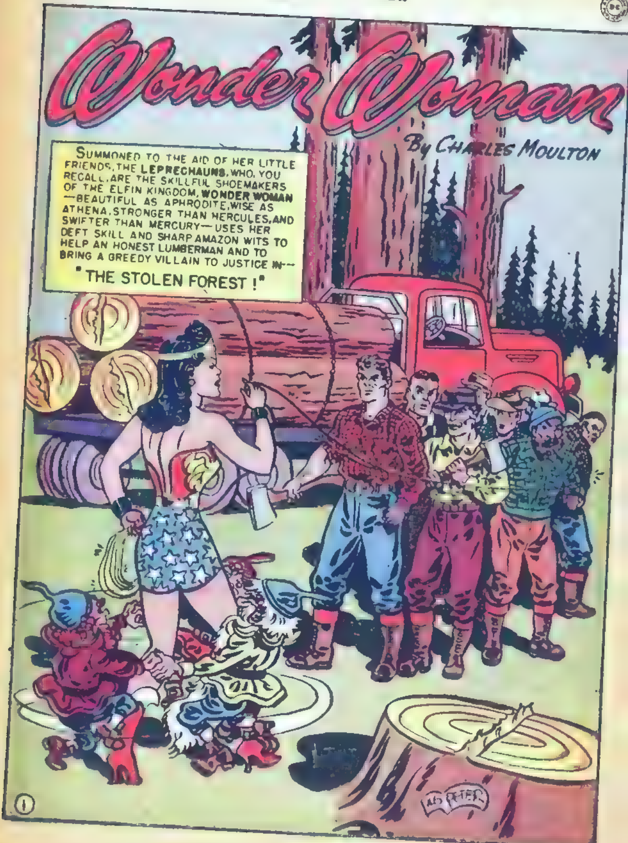
Wonder Woman
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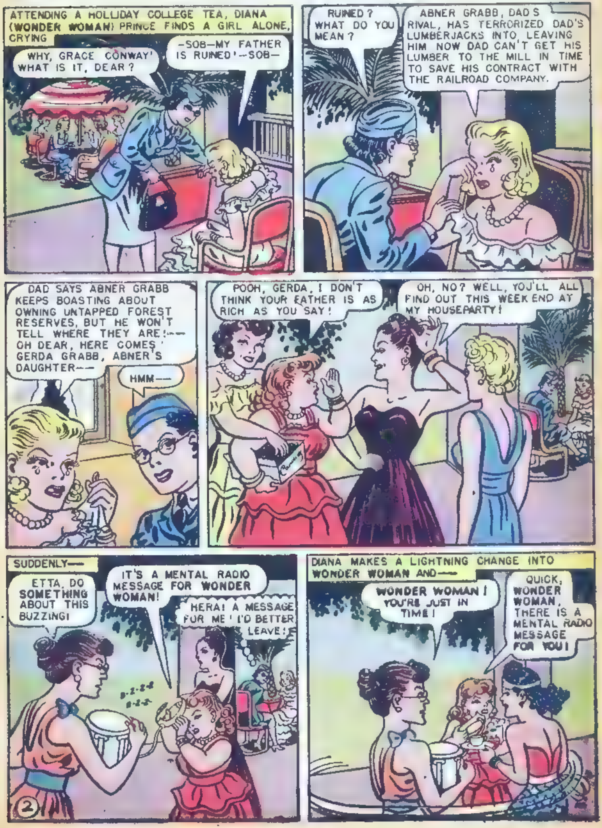
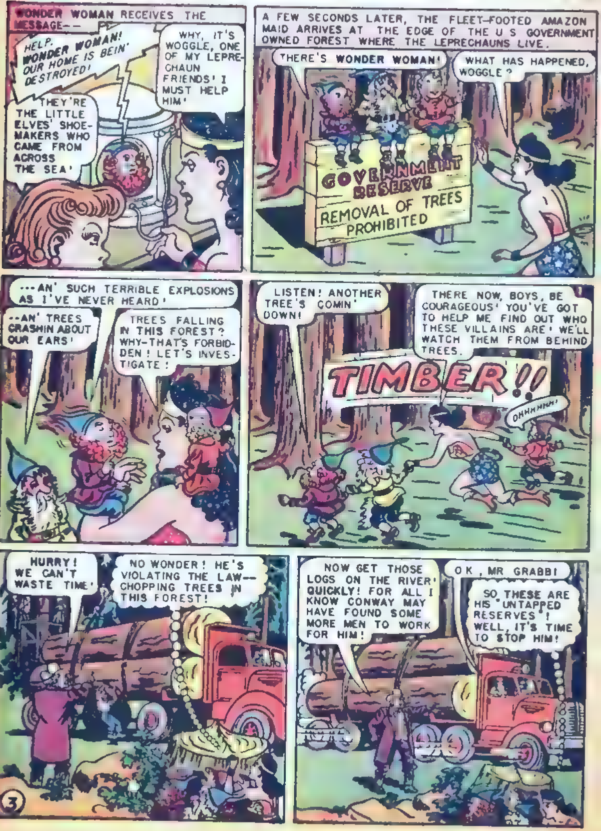
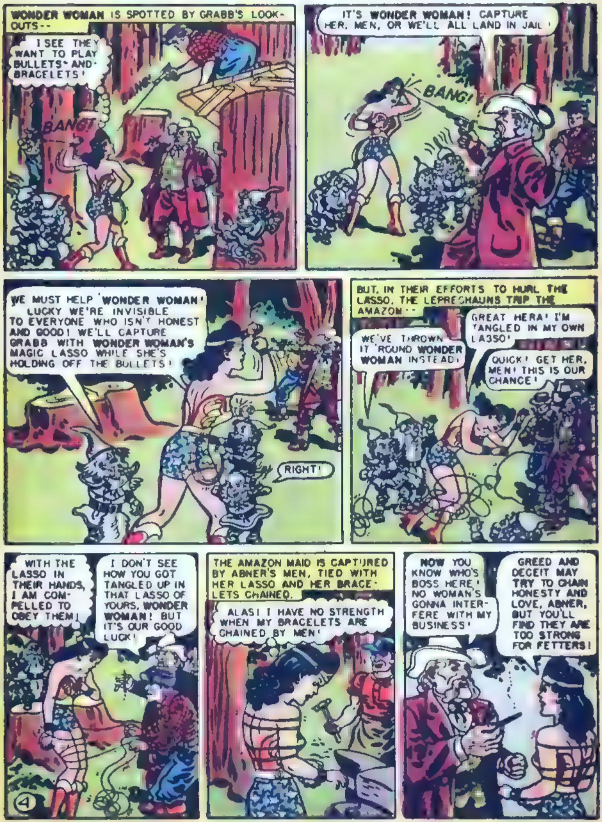

ATTENDING A HOLLIDAY COLLEGE TEA, DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE FINDS A GIRL ALONE, CRYING
WHY, GRACE CONWAY! WHAT IS IT, DEAR?
–SOB–MY FATHER IS RUINED!–SOB–
RUINED? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ABNER GRABB, DAD'S RIVAL, HAS TERRORIZED DAD'S LUMBERJACKS INTO LEAVING HIM. NOW DAD CAN'T GET HIS LUMBER TO THE MILL IN TIME TO SAVE HIS CONTRACT WITH THE RAILROAD COMPANY.
DAD SAYS ABNER GRABB KEEPS BOASTING ABOUT OWNING UNTAPPED FOREST RESERVES, BUT HE WON'T TELL WHERE THEY ARE!–– OH DEAR, HERE COMES GERDA GRABB, ABNER'S DAUGHTER––
HMM––
POOH, GERDA, I DON'T THINK YOUR FATHER IS AS RICH AS YOU SAY!
OH, NO? WELL, YOU'LL ALL FIND OUT THIS WEEK END AT MY HOUSEPARTY!
SUDDENLY––
ETTA, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BUZZING!
IT'S A MENTAL RADIO MESSAGE FOR WONDER WOMAN!
HERA! A MESSAGE FOR ME! I'D BETTER LEAVE!
Z-Z-Z-Z Z-Z-Z
DIANA MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO WONDER WOMAN AND––
WONDER WOMAN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
QUICK, WONDER WOMAN, THERE IS A MENTAL RADIO MESSAGE FOR YOU!


WONDER WOMAN RECEIVES THE MESSAGE--
HELP, WONDER WOMAN! OUR HOME IS BEIN' DESTROYED!
WHY, IT'S WOGGLE, ONE OF MY LEPRECHAUN FRIENDS! I MUST HELP HIM!
THEY'RE THE LITTLE ELVES' SHOEMAKERS WHO CAME FROM ACROSS THE SEA!
A FEW SECONDS LATER, THE FLEET-FOOTED AMAZON MAID ARRIVES AT THE EDGE OF THE U S GOVERNMENT OWNED FOREST WHERE THE LEPRECHAUNS LIVE.
THERE'S WONDER WOMAN!
WHAT HAS HAPPENED, WOGGLE?
GOVERNMENT RESERVE
REMOVAL OF TREES PROHIBITED
...AN' SUCH TERRIBLE EXPLOSIONS AS I'VE NEVER HEARD!
--AN' TREES CRASHIN ABOUT OUR EARS!
TREES FALLING IN THIS FOREST? WHY-THAT'S FORBIDDEN! LET'S INVESTIGATE!
LISTEN! ANOTHER TREE'S COMIN' DOWN!
THERE NOW, BOYS, BE COURAGEOUS! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME FIND OUT WHO THESE VILLAINS ARE! WE'LL WATCH THEM FROM BEHIND TREES.
TIMBER!!
OHHHHHH!
HURRY! WE CAN'T WASTE TIME!
NO WONDER! HE'S VIOLATING THE LAW--CHOPPING TREES IN THIS FOREST!
NOW GET THOSE LOGS ON THE RIVER! QUICKLY! FOR ALL I KNOW CONWAY MAY HAVE FOUND SOME MORE MEN TO WORK FOR HIM!
O K , MR GRABB!
SO THESE ARE HIS "UNTAPPED RESERVES"! WELL, IT'S TIME TO STOP HIM!


WONDER WOMAN IS SPOTTED BY GRABB'S LOOK-OUTS--
I SEE THEY WANT TO PLAY BULLETS* AND BRACELETS!
BANG!
BANG!
IT'S WONDER WOMAN! CAPTURE HER, MEN, OR WE'LL ALL LAND IN JAIL!
BANG!
WE MUST HELP WONDER WOMAN! LUCKY WE'RE INVISIBLE TO EVERYONE WHO ISN'T HONEST AND GOOD! WE'LL CAPTURE GRABB WITH WONDER WOMAN'S MAGIC LASSO WHILE SHE'S HOLDING OFF THE BULLETS!
RIGHT!
BUT, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HURL THE LASSO, THE LEPRECHAUNS TRIP THE AMAZON--
WE'VE THROWN IT 'ROUND WONDER WOMAN INSTEAD!
GREAT HERA! I'M TANGLED IN MY OWN LASSO!
QUICK! GET HER, MEN! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!
WITH THE LASSO IN THEIR HANDS, I AM COMPELLED TO OBEY THEM!
I DON'T SEE HOW YOU GOT TANGLED UP IN THAT LASSO OF YOURS, WONDER WOMAN! BUT IT'S OUR GOOD LUCK!
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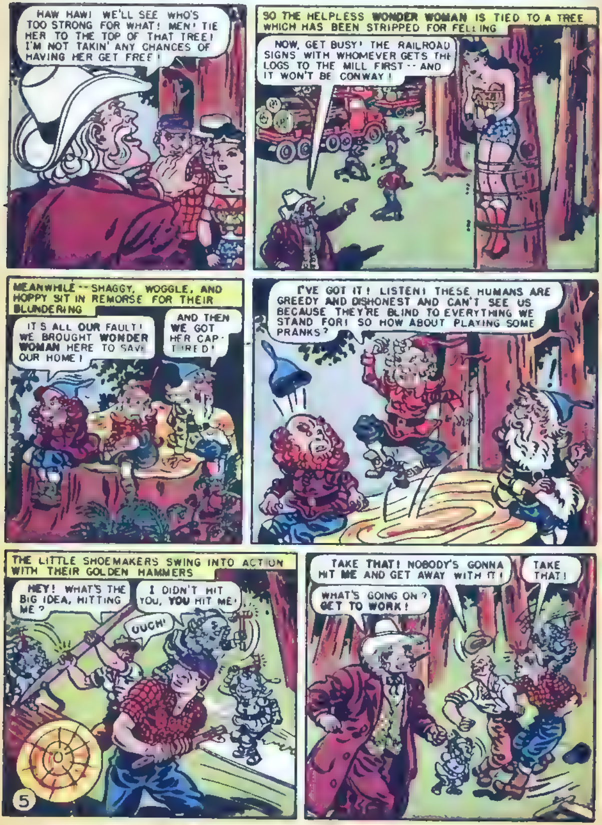
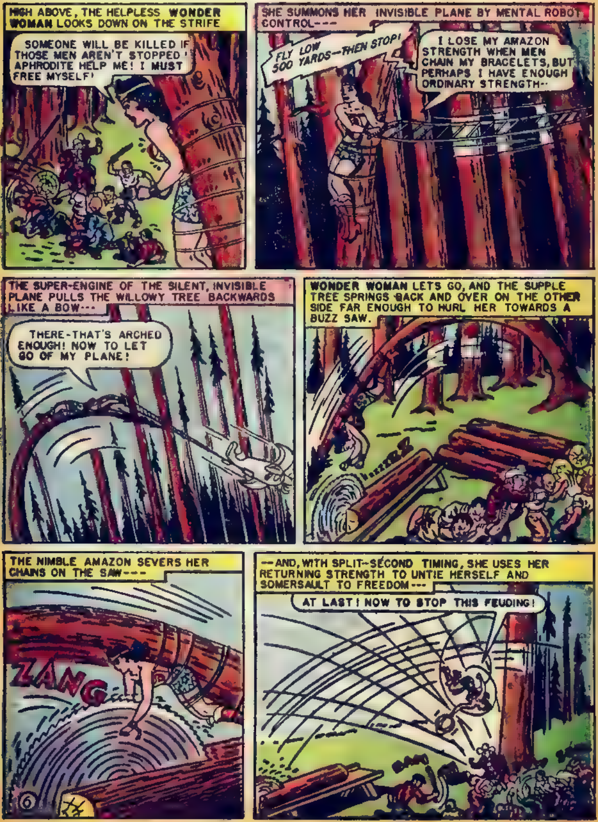
THE AMAZON MAID IS CAPTURED BY ABNER'S MEN, TIED WITH HER LASSO AND HER BRACELETS CHAINED.
ALAS! I HAVE NO STRENGTH WHEN MY BRACELETS ARE CHAINED BY MEN!
NOW YOU KNOW WHO'S BOSS HERE! NO WOMAN'S GONNA INTERFERE WITH MY BUSINESS!
GREED AND DECEIT MAY TRY TO CHAIN HONESTY AND LOVE, ABNER, BUT YOU'LL FIND THEY ARE TOO STRONG FOR FETTERS!


HAW HAW! WE'LL SEE WHO'S TOO STRONG FOR WHAT! MEN! TIE HER TO THE TOP OF THAT TREE! I'M NOT TAKIN' ANY CHANCES OF HAVING HER GET FREE!
SO THE HELPLESS WONDER WOMAN IS TIED TO A TREE WHICH HAS BEEN STRIPPED FOR FELLING
NOW, GET BUSY! THE RAILROAD SIGNS WITH WHOMEVER GETS THE LOGS TO THE MILL FIRST -- AND IT WON'T BE CONWAY!
MEANWHILE -- SHAGGY, WOGGLE, AND HOPPY SIT IN REMORSE FOR THEIR BLUNDERING
IT'S ALL OUR FAULT! WE BROUGHT WONDER WOMAN HERE TO SAVE OUR HOME!
AND THEN WE GOT HER CAPTURED!
I'VE GOT IT! LISTEN! THESE HUMANS ARE GREEDY AND DISHONEST AND CAN'T SEE US BECAUSE THEY'RE BLIND TO EVERYTHING WE STAND FOR! SO HOW ABOUT PLAYING SOME PRANKS?
THE LITTLE SHOEMAKERS SWING INTO ACTION WITH THEIR GOLDEN HAMMERS
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, HITTING ME?
I DIDN'T HIT YOU, YOU HIT ME!
OUCH!
TAKE THAT! NOBODY'S GONNA HIT ME AND GET AWAY WITH IT!
TAKE THAT!
WHAT'S GOING ON? GET TO WORK!


HIGH ABOVE, THE HELPLESS WONDER WOMAN LOOKS DOWN ON THE STRIFE
SOMEONE WILL BE KILLED IF THOSE MEN AREN'T STOPPED! APHRODITE HELP ME! I MUST FREE MYSELF!
SHE SUMMONS HER INVISIBLE PLANE BY MENTAL ROBOT CONTROL---
FLY LOW 500 YARDS--THEN STOP!
I LOSE MY AMAZON STRENGTH WHEN MEN CHAIN MY BRACELETS, BUT PERHAPS I HAVE ENOUGH ORDINARY STRENGTH--
THE SUPER-ENGINE OF THE SILENT, INVISIBLE PLANE PULLS THE WILLOWY TREE BACKWARDS LIKE A BOW---
THERE-THAT'S ARCHED ENOUGH! NOW TO LET GO OF MY PLANE!
WONDER WOMAN LETS GO, AND THE SUPPLE TREE SPRINGS BACK AND OVER ON THE OTHER SIDE FAR ENOUGH TO HURL HER TOWARDS A BUZZ SAW.
Wzzzzz
THE NIMBLE AMAZON SEVERS HER CHAINS ON THE SAW---
ZANG
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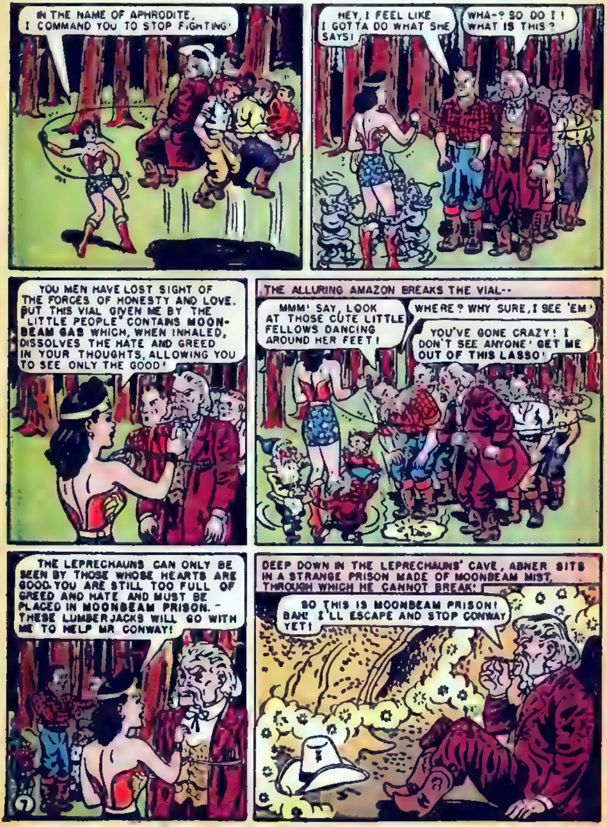
--AND, WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, SHE USES HER RETURNING STRENGTH TO UNTIE HERSELF AND SOMERSAULT TO FREEDOM---
AT LAST! NOW TO STOP THIS FEUDING!


IN THE NAME OF APHRODITE, I COMMAND YOU TO STOP FIGHTING!
HEY, I FEEL LIKE I GOTTA DO WHAT SHE SAYS!
WHA-? SO DO I! WHAT IS THIS?
YOU MEN HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THE FORCES OF HONESTY AND LOVE. BUT THIS VIAL GIVEN ME BY THE LITTLE PEOPLE CONTAINS MOONBEAM GAS WHICH, WHEN INHALED, DISSOLVES THE HATE AND GREED IN YOUR THOUGHTS, ALLOWING YOU TO SEE ONLY THE GOOD!
THE ALLURING AMAZON BREAKS THE VIAL--
MMM! SAY, LOOK AT THOSE CUTE LITTLE FELLOWS DANCING AROUND HER FEET!
WHERE? WHY SURE, I SEE 'EM!
YOU'VE GONE CRAZY! I DON'T SEE ANYONE! GET ME OUT OF THIS LASSO!
THE LEPRECHAUNS CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE GOOD. YOU ARE STILL TOO FULL OF GREED AND HATE AND MUST BE PLACED IN MOONBEAM PRISON.- THESE LUMBERJACKS WILL GO WITH ME TO HELP MR CONWAY!
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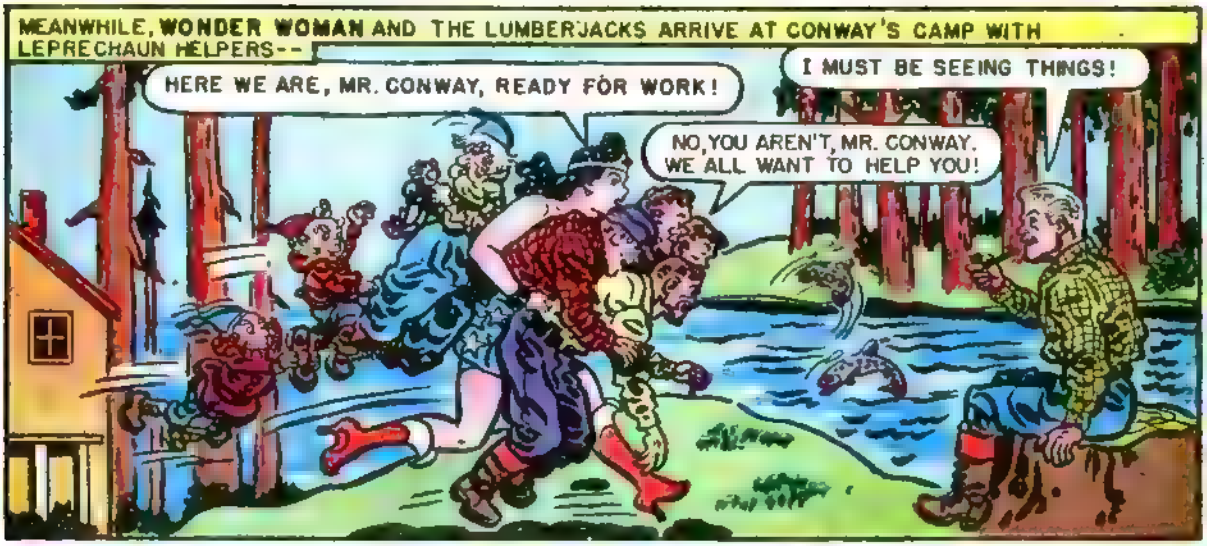
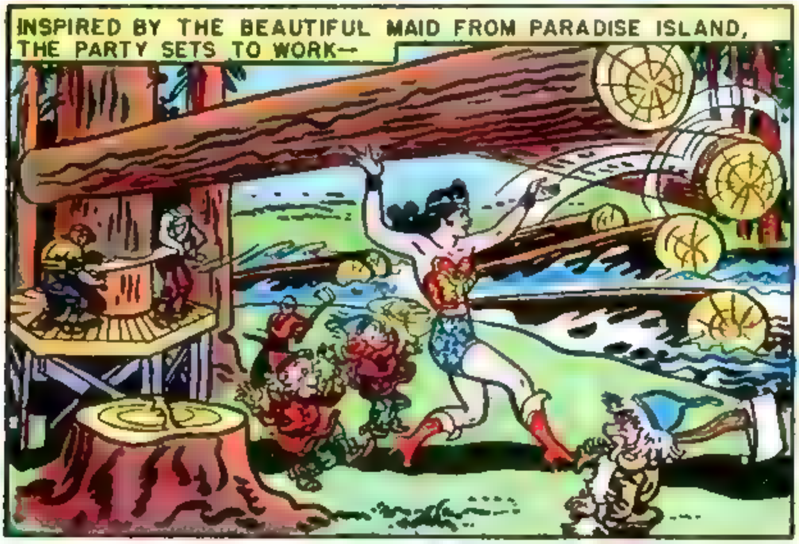
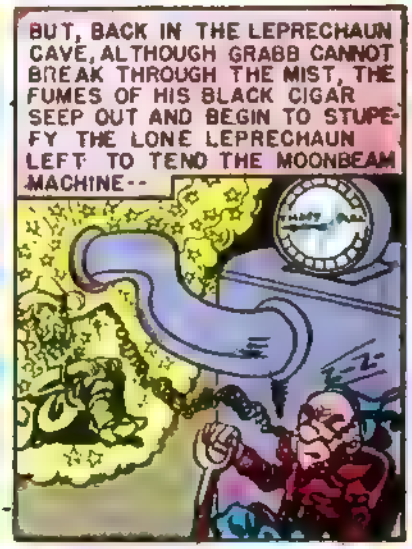
DEEP DOWN IN THE LEPRECHAUNS' CAVE, ABNER SITS IN A STRANGE PRISON MADE OF MOONBEAM MIST, THROUGH WHICH HE CANNOT BREAK!
SO THIS IS MOONBEAM PRISON! BAH! I'LL ESCAPE AND STOP CONWAY YET!


MEANWHILE, WONDER WOMAN AND THE LUMBERJACKS ARRIVE AT CONWAY'S CAMP WITH LEPRECHAUN HELPERS--
HERE WE ARE, MR. CONWAY, READY FOR WORK!
I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!
NO, YOU AREN'T, MR. CONWAY. WE ALL WANT TO HELP YOU!


INSPIRED BY THE BEAUTIFUL MAID FROM PARADISE ISLAND, THE PARTY SETS TO WORK--


BUT, BACK IN THE LEPRECHAUN CAVE, ALTHOUGH GRABB CANNOT BREAK THROUGH THE MIST, THE FUMES OF HIS BLACK CIGAR SEEP OUT AND BEGIN TO STUPEFY THE LONE LEPRECHAUN LEFT TO TEND THE MOONBEAM MACHINE--
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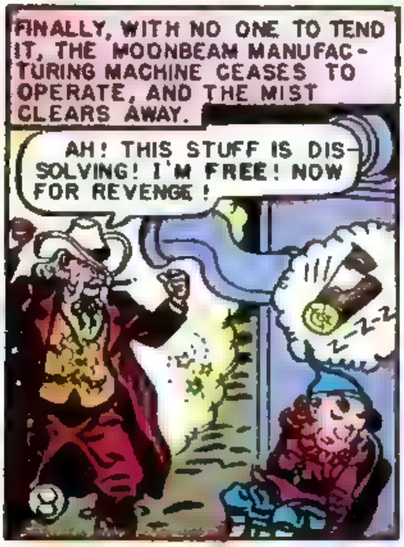
FINALLY, WITH NO ONE TO TEND IT, THE MOONBEAM MANUFACTURING MACHINE CEASES TO OPERATE, AND THE MIST CLEARS AWAY.
AH! THIS STUFF IS DISSOLVING! I'M FREE! NOW FOR REVENGE!
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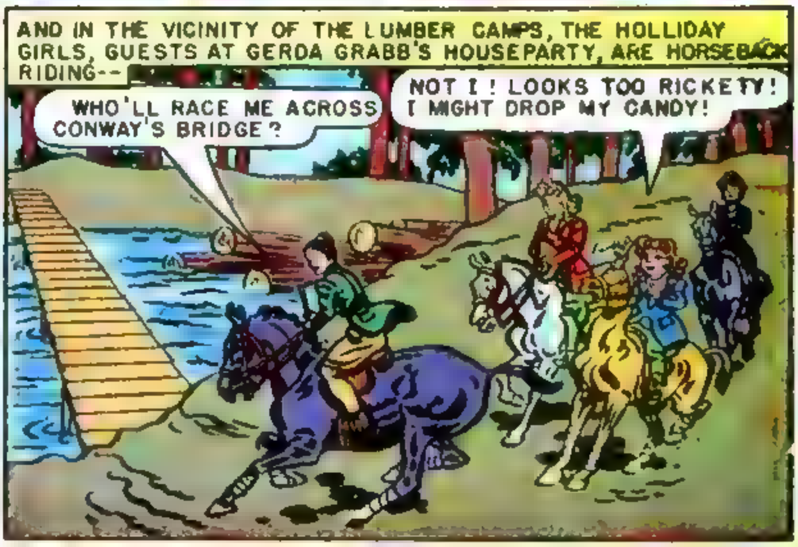
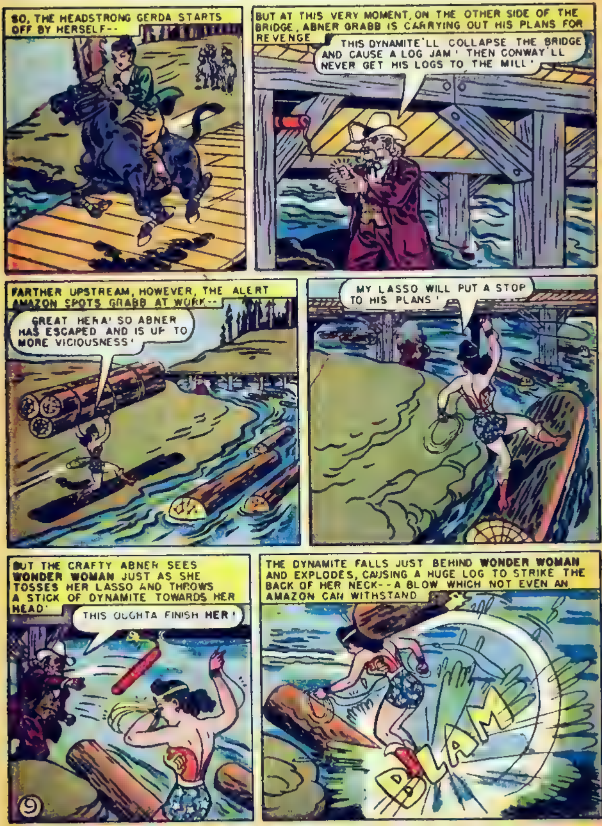
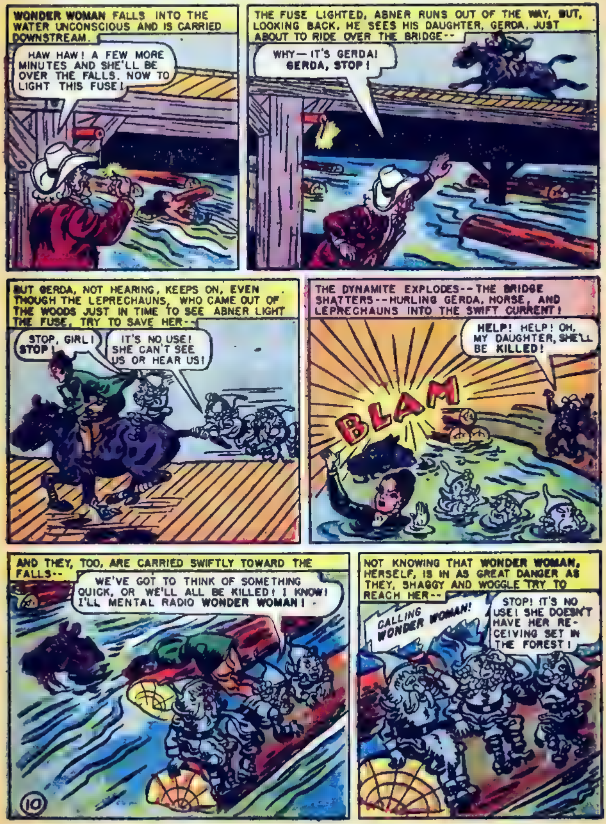
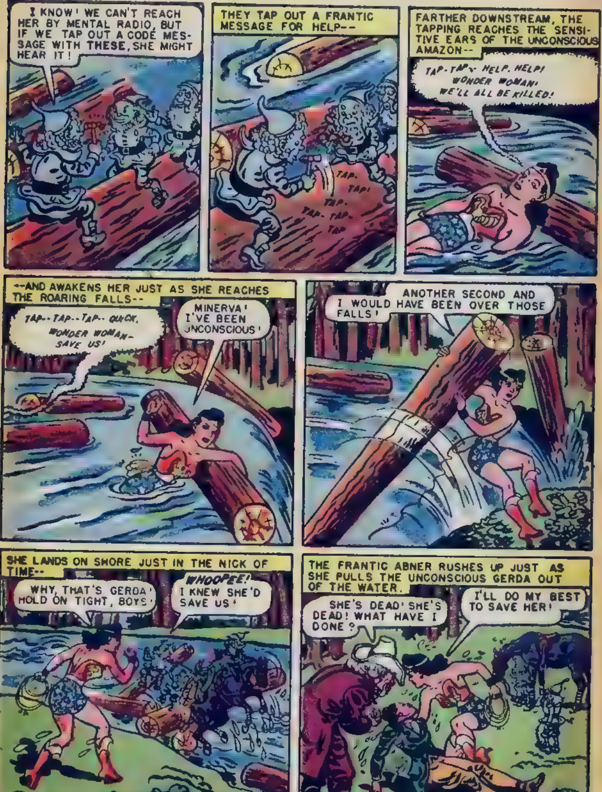
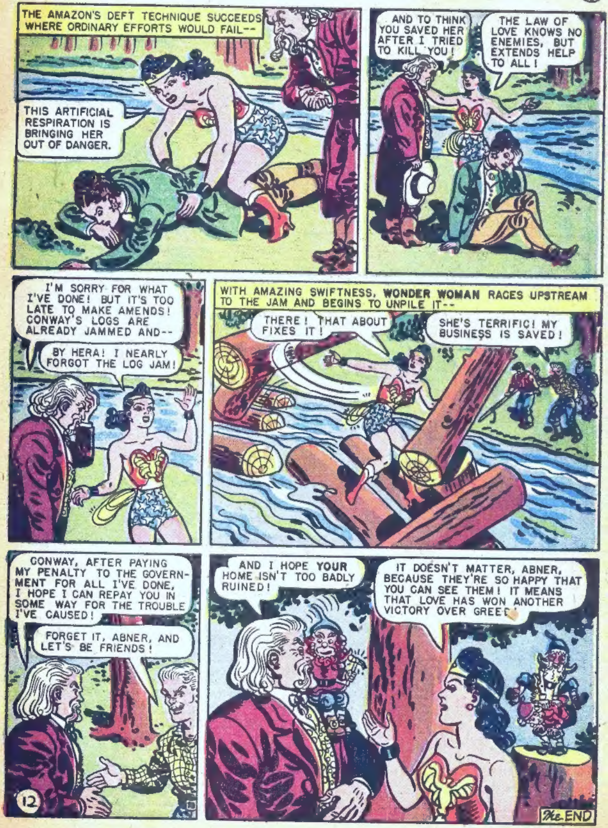

AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE LUMBER CAMPS, THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS, GUESTS AT GERDA GRABB'S HOUSEPARTY, ARE HORSEBACK RIDING--
WHO'LL RACE ME ACROSS CONWAY'S BRIDGE?
NOT I! LOOKS TOO RICKETY! I MIGHT DROP MY CANDY!


SO, THE HEADSTRONG GERDA STARTS OFF BY HERSELF--
BUT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, ABNER GRABB IS CARRYING OUT HIS PLANS FOR REVENGE
THIS DYNAMITE'LL COLLAPSE THE BRIDGE AND CAUSE A LOG JAM! THEN CONWAY'LL NEVER GET HIS LOGS TO THE MILL!
FARTHER UPSTREAM, HOWEVER, THE ALERT AMAZON SPOTS GRABB AT WORK--
GREAT HERA! SO ABNER HAS ESCAPED AND IS UP TO MORE VICIOUSNESS!
MY LASSO WILL PUT A STOP TO HIS PLANS!
BUT THE CRAFTY ABNER SEES WONDER WOMAN JUST AS SHE TOSSES HER LASSO AND THROWS A STICK OF DYNAMITE TOWARDS HER HEAD!
THIS OUGHTA FINISH HER!
THE DYNAMITE FALLS JUST BEHIND WONDER WOMAN AND EXPLODES, CAUSING A HUGE LOG TO STRIKE THE BACK OF HER NECK--A BLOW WHICH NOT EVEN AN AMAZON CAN WITHSTAND
BLAM


WONDER WOMAN FALLS INTO THE WATER UNCONSCIOUS AND IS CARRIED DOWNSTREAM.
HAW HAW! A FEW MORE MINUTES AND SHE'LL BE OVER THE FALLS. NOW TO LIGHT THIS FUSE!
THE FUSE LIGHTED, ABNER RUNS OUT OF THE WAY, BUT, LOOKING BACK, HE SEES HIS DAUGHTER, GERDA, JUST ABOUT TO RIDE OVER THE BRIDGE--
WHY—IT'S GERDA! GERDA, STOP!
BUT GERDA, NOT HEARING, KEEPS ON, EVEN THOUGH THE LEPRECHAUNS, WHO CAME OUT OF THE WOODS JUST IN TIME TO SEE ABNER LIGHT THE FUSE, TRY TO SAVE HER--
STOP, GIRL! STOP!
IT'S NO USE! SHE CAN'T SEE US OR HEAR US!
THE DYNAMITE EXPLODES--THE BRIDGE SHATTERS--HURLING GERDA, HORSE, AND LEPRECHAUNS INTO THE SWIFT CURRENT!
HELP! HELP! OH, MY DAUGHTER, SHE'LL BE KILLED!
BLAM
AND THEY, TOO, ARE CARRIED SWIFTLY TOWARD THE FALLS--
WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING QUICK, OR WE'LL ALL BE KILLED! I KNOW! I'LL MENTAL RADIO WONDER WOMAN!
NOT KNOWING THAT WONDER WOMAN, HERSELF, IS IN AS GREAT DANGER AS THEY, SHAGGY AND WOGGLE TRY TO REACH HER--
CALLING WONDER WOMAN!
STOP! IT'S NO USE! SHE DOESN'T HAVE HER RECEIVING SET IN THE FOREST!


I KNOW! WE CAN'T REACH HER BY MENTAL RADIO, BUT IF WE TAP OUT A CODE MESSAGE WITH THESE, SHE MIGHT HEAR IT!
THEY TAP OUT A FRANTIC MESSAGE FOR HELP--
TAP. TAP! TAP. TAP-TAP. TAP
FARTHER DOWNSTREAM, THE TAPPING REACHES THE SENSITIVE EARS OF THE UNCONSCIOUS AMAZON--
TAP-TAP-- HELP. HELP! WONDER WOMAN! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!
--AND AWAKENS HER JUST AS SHE REACHES THE ROARING FALLS--
TAP--TAP--TAP-- QUICK, WONDER WOMAN-- SAVE US!
MINERVA! I'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS!
ANOTHER SECOND AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER THOSE FALLS!
SHE LANDS ON SHORE JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME--
WHY, THAT'S GERDA! HOLD ON TIGHT, BOYS!
WHOOPEE! I KNEW SHE'D SAVE US!
THE FRANTIC ABNER RUSHES UP JUST AS SHE PULLS THE UNCONSCIOUS GERDA OUT OF THE WATER.
SHE'S DEAD! SHE'S DEAD! WHAT HAVE I DONE?
I'LL DO MY BEST TO SAVE HER!


THE AMAZON'S DEFT TECHNIQUE SUCCEEDS WHERE ORDINARY EFFORTS WOULD FAIL--
THIS ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION IS BRINGING HER OUT OF DANGER.
AND TO THINK YOU SAVED HER AFTER I TRIED TO KILL YOU!
THE LAW OF LOVE KNOWS NO ENEMIES, BUT EXTENDS HELP TO ALL!
I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I'VE DONE! BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO MAKE AMENDS! CONWAY'S LOGS ARE ALREADY JAMMED AND--
BY HERA! I NEARLY FORGOT THE LOG JAM!
WITH AMAZING SWIFTNESS, WONDER WOMAN RACES UPSTREAM TO THE JAM AND BEGINS TO UNPILE IT--
THERE! THAT ABOUT FIXES IT!
SHE'S TERRIFIC! MY BUSINESS IS SAVED!
CONWAY, AFTER PAYING MY PENALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR ALL I'VE DONE, I HOPE I CAN REPAY YOU IN SOME WAY FOR THE TROUBLE I'VE CAUSED!
FORGET IT, ABNER, AND LET'S BE FRIENDS!
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AND I HOPE YOUR HOME ISN'T TOO BADLY RUINED!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, ABNER, BECAUSE THEY'RE SO HAPPY THAT YOU CAN SEE THEM! IT MEANS THAT LOVE HAS WON ANOTHER VICTORY OVER GREED!
The END

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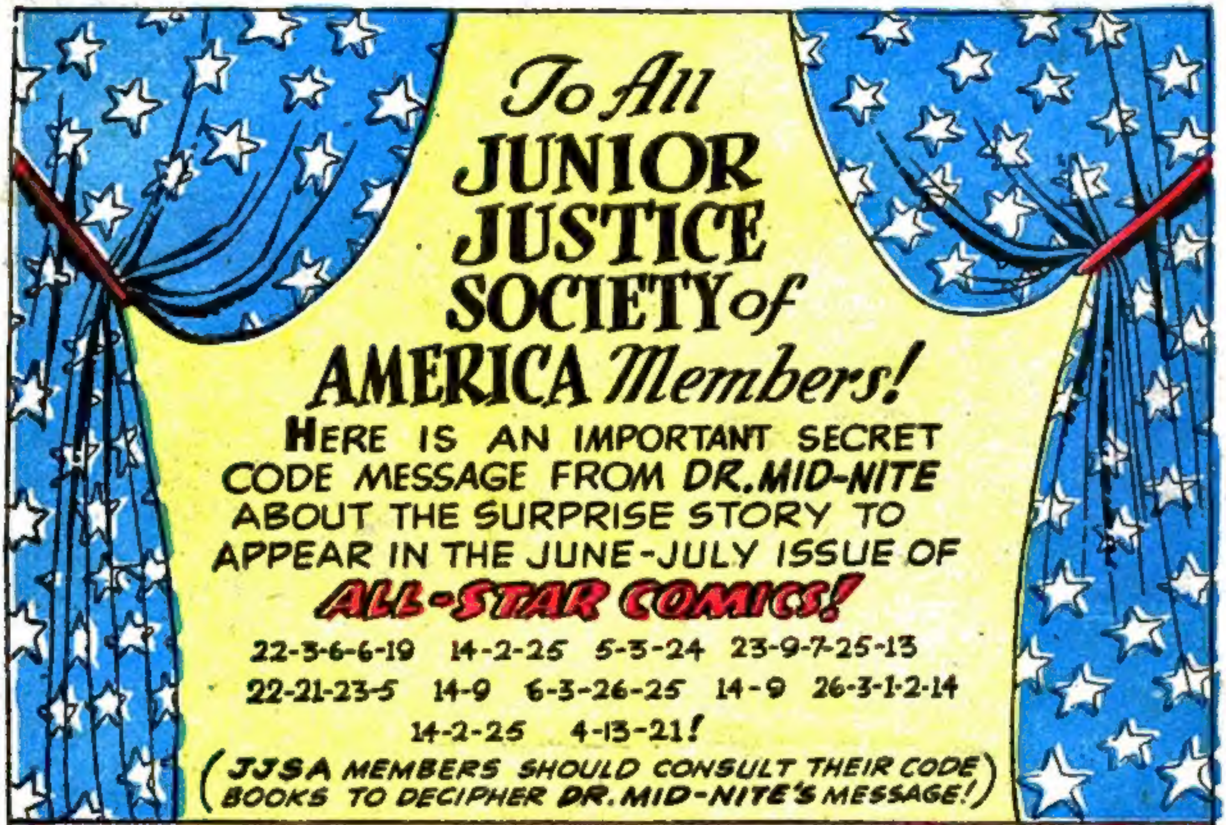

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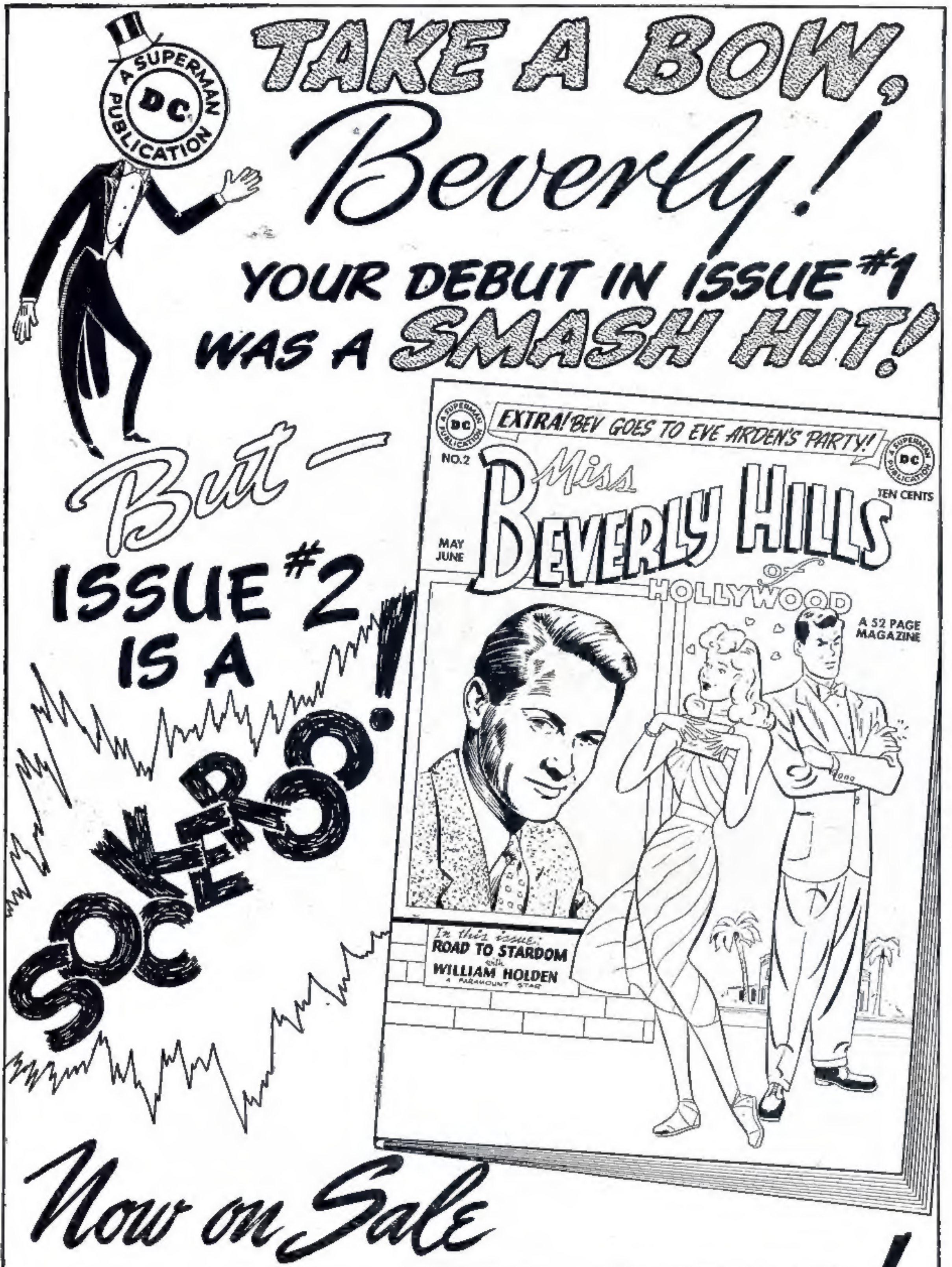
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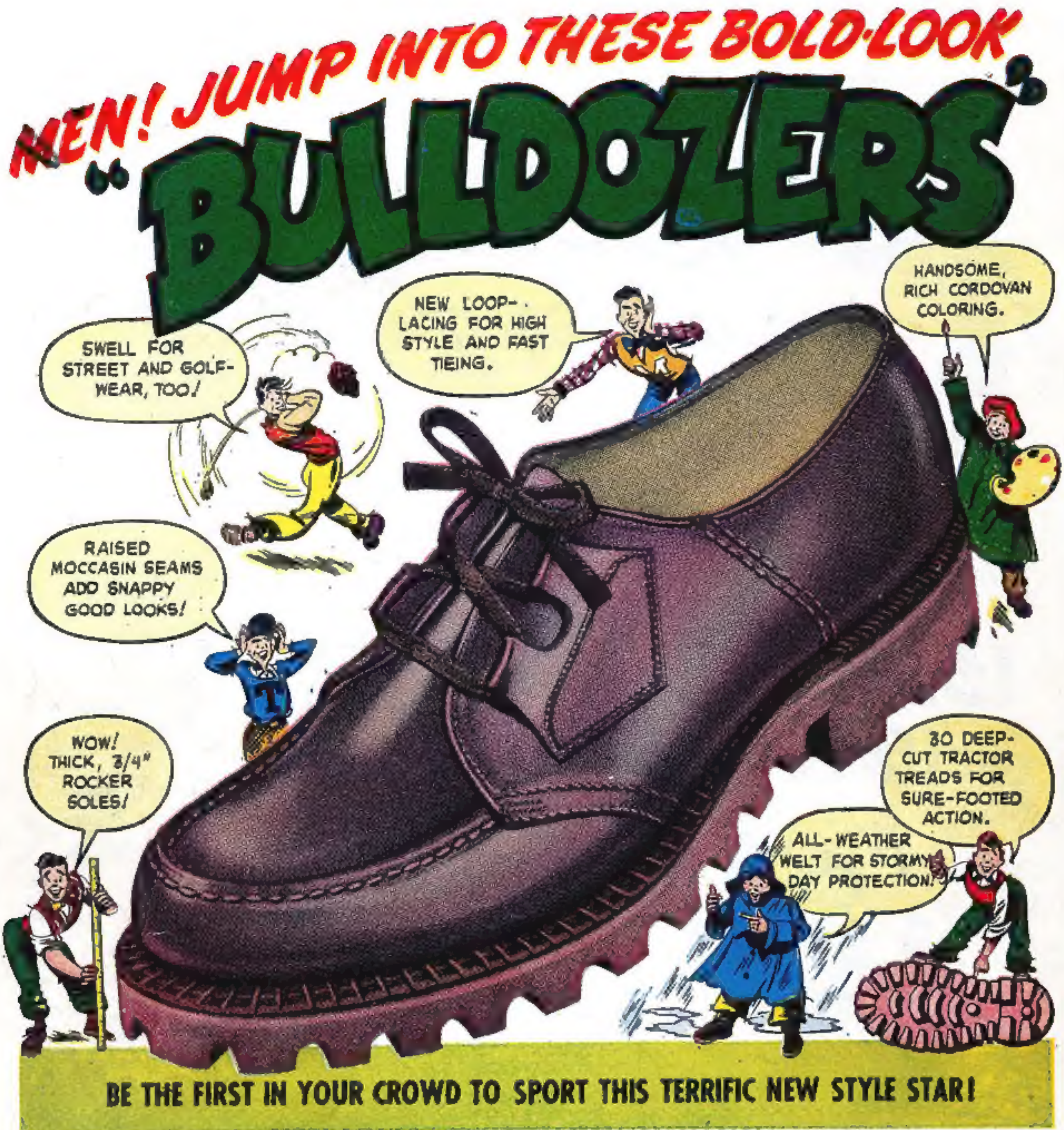
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